THE WEATHER TODAY
Fair to cloudy and colder, probably local snows in north portion Saturday; Sunday unsettled, probably rain or snow.

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CHANGES IN STATE BONUS LEGISLATION

All Ex-Servicemen, Regardless of Rank, Would Be Paid—Army Nurses Also Would Be Benefited

ESSENTIALLY SAME

Provision of Original Bill of $10 Monthly, Not to Exceed 25 Months, Retained in New Measure

Albany, Dec. 28.—Immediate passage of the $45,000,000 state soldier bonus bill and abandonment of the state veterans relief commission will be sought in a legislative program to be introduced in senate and assembly for the American Legion soon after the 1924 session convenes, the Legion's state legislative committee announced tonight.

The main provision of the bonus bill introduced in the 1920 legislature—payment of a bonus of $10 for each month of service up to a total of $250 for all former soldiers, sailors and marines—will be retained in the new bill, it was said, but numerous changes will be made.

Would Pay All Ex-Service Men

Provision will be made to pay a bonus to all veterans irrespective of rank, instead of limiting payment to those below the rank of captain. Army nurses also will be entitled to bonus payment. The bonus commission will be enlarged to include the state treasurer. Bonus payments would be made to certain surviving relatives of veterans who died. Applications would be valid only previous to July 1, 1926. No agent or attorneys would be entitled or privileged to demand compensation for services in prosecuting any claim arising under the bonus act.

Abandonment of the veterans relief commission is proposed, the announcement said, because investigation has disclosed that only $260,000 of the $1,000,000 appropriated during the first year of Governor Smith's present administration was used between April 1 and December 21. The commission was designed to care for unemployed [illegible] Legion committee said returning [illegible] has made unnecessary further operation.

COOLIDGE DOES NOT FAVOR EXPANSION

Department of Mines Would Not Aid Coal Industry, He Believes

Washington, Dec. 28. — Information so far received has not convinced President Coolidge that a department of mines should be created to take over the work now done by the department of the interior bureau of mines and geological survey. The President believes, however that the work of the bureau of mines should be extended and made more efficient.

Legislation to create a department of mines is pending in congress and was discussed with the President several day ago by Chairman Oddie of the Senate Mines committee.

Mr. Coolidge holds that a change in name from bureau of mines to department of mines would be of no benefit to the mining industry, inasmuch, in his opinion, as much can be accomplished by a strengthened bureau of mines as by a separate department. The trend of the federal government, he believes, should be toward restriction of expansion in governmental agencies rather than toward creation of new departments.

AGENTS BRAVE PISTOL FIRE AND STEAM TO GET LIQUOR

New York, Dec. 28.—Undaunted by pistol fire and scalding steam, custom agents today seized 300 bottles of choice liquors aboard the steamship [illegible] at a Brooklyn pier; then, moving the vessel to another pier and making an extended search, uncovered a cache of 600 more bottles.

The agents said they were on sentry duty near the ship when they heard shots. They rushed aboard, found a fight in progress, and when their presence became known, members of the crew opened fire and attempted to scald them by knocking a valve head off a steam pipe in a cabin. Three hundred bottles of liquor were found, the agents said, and when they made a more thorough search they found the other bottles stored in a [illegible] beneath the floor of the saloon. The agents worked in a mixture of water and grease, but on their backs, in removing the contraband.

TWO THEORIES OF WAR CAUSE.

Columbus, O., Dec. 28.—Two theories of the cause of the World war were advocated tonight at a meeting of the delegates of the American Historical association. The policies of Bismarck were blamed as accountable for the disaster by Prof. Joseph V. Fuller of the University of Wisconsin, while the existence of the triple alliance and the triple entente was held as causes of the war by Prof. Bernadotte E. Schmitt of Western Reserve university.

TWO DIE IN DEPOSIT FIRE; THIRD, DYING, SEEKS AID

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28. — Mrs. Dorothy Buchanan, 74, and her brother, Grant Brown, 73, were burned to death today in their home at Deep Hollow, N. Y., five miles from Susquehanna, Pa.

Wallace Buchanan, 76, brother-in-law of Mrs. Buchanan, jumped from the second floor after being badly burned and walked and crawled two miles through snow to the nearest farmhouse. He is dying at a hospital in Deposit.

Farmers from surrounding sections rushed to the scene and found the home reduced to ashes and charred bones of the man and his sister among the ruins in the cellar.

GIRLS START RIOT WITHIN INSTITUTION

40 Become Uncontrollable and 200 to 300 in Other Cottages Take Part

Delaware, O., Dec. 28.—More than 100 inmates of the girls' industrial school near here are reported to have started a riot tonight. Many are said to have escaped from the institutions. A call for assistance was received here along with a summons for medical aid, indicating that some had been injured.

The trouble, according to reports received here, started in cottage No. 5, in which about 40 girls are housed. Mrs. Ella Cherington, regular matron of the cottage, is away on a vacation. A substitute matron was unable to cope with the situation and the girls escaped from the cottage.

Other Girls Join Free-For-All

Girls from other cottages, numbering, according to reports, from 200 to 300, joined the 40 and battled with officials who sought to restore order. Windows of many of the cottages, it was said, were broken by missiles thrown by the girls.

Men from nearby farms aided officials and between 80 and 100 girls were placed under guard in the assembly hall of the institution. More than 200 are still at large, it was said shortly before midnight.

ROOF OF KING TUT'S COFFIN AFTER WEEK'S ARDUOUS TOIL

(By the Associated Press)

Luxor, Egypt, Dec. 28.—The roof of the canopy over the sarcophagus [illegible] completed after about a week's work. The last of the three sections were taken off this morning. The task was most difficult, owing to the shrinkage of the wood, and Howard Carter, the head of the expedition, had to summon the assistance of a native carpenter before he could pry free the wide and heavy segment.

This section, like the others, is decorated with the protective device of hawks with outspread wings — there are six hawks in all—incised in gold on the black, probably bituminized, background. The three sections now repose in the ante-chamber of the tomb and there they will remain for the present, owing to the seeming impossibility of getting them out through the narrow entrance without cutting away the steps. It is understood the roof of the shrine suffered some little damage in the process of dismantling.

HUMMER AND WASSUNG HEAD H. S. ATHLETES OF STATE

Syracuse, Dec. 28.—John F. Hummer, principal of the Binghamton Central High school, was elected chairman of the New York State Public High School Athletic association at the annual meeting of the association held here today. Frank R. Wassung of Norwich was elected vice chairman; Elmer Smith of Rochester, secretary; and E. A. Bo Bauer of Albany, treasurer. Dan Chase, director of physicial education in New York state, president.

March 27, 28, 29 were selected for the state basketball championship to be held in Syracuse University gymnasium. Saturday, June 7, was the date selected for the state track and field championships to be held at Cornell University.

BENNER EXPECTED TO ENTER INSANITY PLEA

New York, Dec. 28—Indications that insanity would be the plea when Frank Benner alais, Collins confessed strangler of Estelle Phillips, a pretty department store executive, were seen today in claims of his mother, Mrs. Carrie Androvette of Woodhaven, that she believed her son to be a maniac.

"Frank will be proved insane," she said. "He could not have done these things if he were well."

Benner was held today without bail for examination January 7.

HOLD MAIL ROBBERY SUSPECT.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 28.—Harry Raub, 25, arrested here at the request of Rochester, N. Y., police, is suspected of having held up a mail car in East Rochester several weeks ago, escaping with bonds and other loot, Youngstown police said today. When detectives found Raub hiding in the home of relatives last night, he attempted to destroy several circulars from bond brokers and a map which showed the scene of the train robbery, police said. Letters apparently relating to whiskey deals also were found.

LECTURER KILLS SELF

Glens Falls, Dec. 28.—James Potter, widely known Chautauqua entertainer, committed suicide in his home in Fort Ann today, by inhaling chloroform.

DIXMUDE GIVEN UP AS LOST; BODY OF COMMANDER FOUND

Fishermen Drag Corpse in With Nets Off Sicily — No Word From Craft in Week—Search Continued

(By the Associated Press)

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French super-dirigible Dixmude has definitely been given up as lost by the French ministry of marine.

The finding by fishermen six miles off the coast of southern Sicily of the body of the commander of the Dixmude, Lieutenant Du Plessis de Grenardin, entangled in the meshes of one of their nets, led the ministry formally to declare the Dixmude had met with disaster.

Body Found by Fishermen

From the village of Sciacca, off which the body of Lieutenant Grenardin was found by the fishermen, the 160 miles across the Mediteranean sea to Tunis in northern Africa will be searched by French warships for traces of the Dixmude while the patrols which already are combing the northern African wilds and the regions far to the south, including the Sahara desert, will continue their work.

The Dixmude was last heard from a week ago when she sent out a radio message from a point southwest of Touggourt, Algeria, saying she was bound back toward her airodome at Cuers Pierrefeu, near Marseilles, whence she had started December 18 for an 18-hour cruise to nothern Africa and return. The French naval authorities by wireless warned the airship that a gale was blowing across the Mediterranean and it would be unsafe to attempt the trip home. Since then all traces of the craft have been lost.

4 SHAKER VILLAGE BUILDINGS BURN

Gasoline Fumes Catch Fire—Residence and Barn of Historic Spot Are Saved

West Lebanon, Dec. 28. — Four buildings of the historic Shaker settlement on the west slope of Lebanon mountain here were destroyed with losses estimated at $50,000. The flames sweeping up through the pine trees on the mountainside were seen for many miles.

The buildings were a part of the community group known as the Second Family of Shakers. Elder Ernest Peck was in the barn taking gasoline from a tank and the gasoline became ignited from a lantern. The fire spread rapidly because there was little equipment on the place with which to fight. A wood working factory was one of the buildings destroyed.

A large gasoline tank in the factory exploded, causing a further spread of the flames.

The residences on the farm and one barn were saved. There was no insurance on the property, the elder said.

WILL TEST SUCCESS OF PANAMA DEFENSIVELY

Washington, Dec. 28. — Effectiveness of the Panama canal as a means of national defense will be put to the test next month when the "blue" fleet from the Pacific attempts to use the big waterway to enter the Atlantic against the "black", or enemy fleet, stationed there. Army forces in the canal zone, 9,000 strong, both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, and an expeditionary force of marine's from Quantico, Va., will participate in the joint maneuvers, the first of the kind ever attempted.

A war department announcement today said the maneuver plan was based upon "the assumption that strained relations existed between the United States and imaginary enemies, equal to us in resources, man power and naval strength."

FIND BODIES ARM IN ARM.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Workmen discovered the bodies of John A. Metzger, 50, and Henry J. Erb, 54, locked in each others' arms here today in the ruins of the W. J. Hughes and Sons company lumber plant, destroyed by fire Thursday at an estimated loss of $425,000. The bodies were found near a door and it was thought the men had crashed against the door together in an attempt to force it open and escape.

STEEPLEJACK HAS TUMBLE

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—After a 26-year career of scaling dizzy heights without accident, R. F. Atkinson, steeplejack, is in a hospital today from injuries received in a fall downstairs while sleep walking. Atkinson, among other activities, had gilded the top of the Woolworth building, New York, put lightning rods on the Washington monument and repaired the statue of Penn, atop Philadelphia's city hall.

WILL DIE SOON: MARRIES

Syracuse, Dec. 28. — Philip E. Jones, 22, known as Ben Wolfe, since his enlistment in the United States army six years ago and who for more than three years has been a patient at Cranes Irving hospital, and Miss Kathleen McGovern, 24, of New York city, formerly a nurse at the hospital, were married tonight in Wolf's room in the hospital. Jones, who is in a serious condition, has but a few days to live, according to attending physicians.

SHIPPING BOARD VESSEL SINKING IN BLACK SEA

London, Dec. 29. — The United States Shipping board steamship Conejos, reported in distress in the Black sea yesterday, is sinking fast, according to a dispatch in Lloyd's from Constantinople.

The dispatch says a wireless message from the Conejos last midnight reported "Number 1 hold full of water; sea choppy; require assistance." An hour later another S. O. S. said: "Sinking fast, 44.14 north, 38.46 east," a position about 130 miles west of Batum.

The steamship Clontarf proceeded to the scene, but up to 11 o'clock this morning had not sighted the Conejos.

EARLY END SEEN IN CHURCH WAR

First Steps Taken to End Quarrel of Modernists and Fundamentalists

(By the Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 28. — Hope for an early settlement of the controversy between the modernists and conservatives of the Protestant Episcopal church was contained in an official statement issued today after a conference of bishops of several states and prominent laymen representing both factions.

The conference, marking the first formal step toward settlement of the controversy over "fundamentals of faith," which was interrupted by the Christmas holidays, will be followed by others.

"The right solution of difficulties within the church will be found not by controversy, but through conference," said the statement issued by George Zabriskie, chancellor of the diocese of New York. Mr. Zabriskie said the men at the conference agreed to stand by the official statement and have nothing further to say on the subject at this time.

Today's meeting was called by no one person, he declared, although those following will be formally called and more formally conducted.

DENIES MOLINE CO. TO QUIT BUSINESS; DROP SOME LINES

Moline, Ill., Dec, 28. — George N. Peck, president of the Moline Plow company, today declared that the announcement from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., that plans were being made for suspension of operations at the company's plants at Poughkeepsie, East Moline and Rock Island, Ill., were "wholly unauthorized."

He explained that the company will discontinue the manufacture of harvesters at Poughkepsie and of tractors at Rock Island, "both of which have been unprofitable."

"The manufacture of our tillage line at Moline, wagons, spreaders and hay tools in Stoughton, and drills and other seeding machines at Minneapolis will be continued," he said. "The plant property at Poughkeepsie will be sold."

MEXICAN SITUATION QUIET

Vera Cruz, Dec. 28. — No military operations of importance were reported today. Dispatches from correspondents who are with the revolutionary columns on the Vera Cruz front say that in reconnaissance made by both wings of the rebel forces to San Marcos no enemy troops were encountered, the Obregon forces not having returned since their withdrawal to Apizaco.

HEARSE REPLACES LIMOUSINE

New York, Dec. 28. — Ernest R. Ball, song writer, today was presented with a magnificent white hearse by the police, who assured him it was his one-time limousine, stolen a month ago. Detectives found it in the garage of a Manhattan undertaker, who had unwittingly purchased it from thieves who had put a hearse body on the chassis of Ball's limousine.

The Day In Washington

Edward P. Farley resigned as chairman of the Shipping board.

Commissioner Henry C. Hall of Colorado was elected chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The department of commerce made public figures showing an increasing volume of food stuffs imported.

Director Hines of the Veterans' bureau reopened the question of Livermore, Calif., veterans' hospital.

Woodrow Wilson, celebrating his 67th birthday, received an automobile from friends who withheld their names.

The census bureau issued figures to show that the cities of the country are failing to live within their incomes.

The house ways and means committee made public the new revenue bill in the form it was submitted by Secretary Mellon.

Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee recommended changes in the merchant marine policies to President Coolidge.

Hiram Johnson announced he would contest with President Coolidge for southern delegates to the Republican national convention.

The war department was asked by President Coolidge if American ships can furnish adequate service to the Philippines, with the view of extending the American coastwise shipping laws there.

A presidential spokesman criticised the action of E. Y. Clark, former Ku Klux Klan official, in making public a letter to the President prior to its receipt at the White House.

MAN AND APE HAD COMMON ANCESTRY STATES LECTURER

Pictures Development to Tree, With Man at Top and Others, Lower Down, as Branches or Offshoots

(By the Associated Press)

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 28. — Man, although the product of evolution, did not descend directly from the ape of today and had his origin in Europe 400,000 years ago instead of in Asia as generally is presumed, Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, of the National Museum Washington, D. C., and a leading anthropologist, declared before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in convention here today.

The relationship of the existing ape to man probably is that of a "cousin," Dr. Hrdlicka said, the two having sprung from branches of the same family hundreds of thousands of years ago. "If we went far enough back, however, both probably would be found to have had their origin in a state of a simply, double molecule, he added.

Uses Tree for Comparison.

The development of the human race he pictured as similar to that of a tree, all of which is the product of a central trunk. Man, he said, might be compared to the top which had grown and developed to the supreme point, while all the branches and offshoots could be considered as the lower animals — all originating from a common source but developing along different lines.

While some sort of anthropoid or manlike ape probably was the precursor of the present human race, Dr. Hrdlicka said, there must have been a transition during which man existed in various grades down to the animal state. "The distance between the lowest form of man and the highest form of ape, however, is too great even to be passed by mutation," he said.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE QUITS

Can't Raise Large Family on Present Salary of $17,500, He States

New York, Dec. 28.—Daniel F. Cohalan, a state supreme court justice, tonight announced he had presented his resignation to Governor Smith to take effect January 12. The difficulties of trying to bring up a large family on a justice's salary, $17,500 a year, he said, prompted his action.

While the justice did not reveal his futuer plans, local newspapers, forecasting his resignation recently, said he would quit the bench to manage the campaign of Senator James A. Reed, Missouri, for the Democratic presidential nomination. He would not comment on these reports at that time or today.

In his letter to the governor, Justice Cohalan asked the executive to use his influence to have judicial salaries increased, so that "men of moderate means or with families can become or remain judges."

A resolution, providing for an increase in the salary of supreme court justices in this city from $17,500 to $25,000 a year was introduced in the board of estimate yesterday by Borough President Connolley of Queens.

875 DIE FROM POISONED LIQUOR IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Dec. 28. — Poisonous liquor was held responsible for the deaths of 875 persons in this city during the present year, in a statement published by Deputy Coroner Frank Paul today.

"This city is wide open," he continued. "So-called liquor is being sold openly, on the corners. You can buy all you want. But most of it is poisonous. You can't buy the pre-war liquor, for no one will sell it."

To guard against an old fashioned New Year celebration here, with new fashioned liquors, Coroner William R. Knight will placard the city with posters showing photographs of the bodies of victims of poisonous beverages, and bearing warnings against indiscriminate purchase and consumption of "drinks."

OHIO REPUBLICANS FAVOR NOMINATION OF COOLIDGE

Columbus, O., Dec. 28.—The Republican party in Ohio today officially went on record as favoring the nomination of President Coolidge for president by the national convention at Cleveland in June.

Endorsement of the President was made at a meeting of the state central committee here at committee headquarters presided over by State Chairman Charles W. Montgomery of Newark. The endorsement was said to have been unanimous by Chairman Montgomery though some of the committeemen were not present. Mr. Montgomery said they previously had given their assent to endorsement.

RATS KILL PARALYTIC.

Walkerton, Ind., Dec. 28. — Rats gnawing at the defenseless body of Mrs. Margaret Taylor, 78, a paralytic, were responsible for her death as she lay in her bed at her home here, C. R. Crampacker, coroner of St. Joseph county, said today. Police at first believed that a jagged wound reaching from her right ear to the point of her jaw was caused by some unknown human assailant.

Tax Revision Bill Follows Mellon's Plan Essentially

One of Principal Revisions is Reduction of Sur Taxes—Administrative Features to be Considered before Changes in Schedules

Seeks to End Evasions

Several Hundred Amendments, Many Highly Technical, Made in Effort to Close Loopholes in Present Law—Provides Penalties

Washington, Dec. 28.—The text of the new tax bill was made public today by Chairman Greene of the house ways and means committee, which will meet again when congress reassembles on January 3 to continue its study of the sweeping revisions proposed by the administration.

In all features the bill follows the recommendations made public by Secretary Mellon. It proposes several hundred amendments of the existing revenue law, many of them highly technical, designed to put an end to tax evasions, and many others dealing with the changes advocated by Mr. Mellon in income and other tax schedules. Mr. Greene made public the text of the measure after a proposal for publicity of its provisions had been the subject of a heated discussion in a sub-committee yesterday. Mr. Greene said his action was prompted by a knowledge that the contents of the measure were known to many outside the committee members.

The committee has made no attempt to reach decisions as to what, if any, changes it will make before the measure is reported to the house. It has been agreed, however, that the administrative provisions shall be passed upon before attention is given to Mr. Mellon's proposals for changes in tax schedules.

Lose $91,000,000 on Small Incomes.

One of the principal revisions is a reduction of sur-tax rates so that the sur-tax would begin at one per cent on net incomes from $10,000 to $12,000; would provide an additional one per cent for each additional $2,000 up to $38,000; one per cent additional for the next $4,000; and would then add one per cent for each $6,000 up to a maximum of 25 per cent on net incomes of $100,000 or more.

Under the present law sur-taxes begin at one per cent on net incomes between $6,000 and $10,000, and scale upward to a maximum of 50 per cent on net incomes exceeding $200,000.

The new bill also provides that the normal tax on incomes shall be three [illegible] and six per cent where it now is eight per cent—a reduction which the treasury estimates will result in a loss of revenue of $91,000,000 a year.

Repeal "Nuisance" Taxes.

Provision also is made in the bill that 25 per cent of "earned income," which is defined as wages, salaries and professional fees, shall be counted as exempt in computing income tax returns.

The greater part of this exemption is expected to fall to those having small incomes, with the result that the treasury expects a reduction of $97,500,0000 from this section alone.

The bill proposes the outright repeal of the present taxes on telegrams, telephone and radio messages, theatre admissions and of certain other nuisance taxes, including the levies on silver plated flat silverware, pencils and fountain pens selling for not more than $1 and clocks and watches for not more than $5.

The administrative features of the bill include a provision for creating a board of tax appeals, composed of not less than seven nor more than 28 members, appointed for 10 year terms at salaries of $10,000 each by the secretary of the treasury. The board would hear and determine cases involving the assessment of taxes.

Would Stop Leaks.

In dealing with delinquencies, the bill provides that where there is no evidence of fraud, a penalty of interest at one per cent a month can be levied. Specific provision is made that interest at the rate of five per cent shall be paid by the government on all refunds of taxes illegally collected.

One of the provisions placed in the bill by the treasury in its efforts to stop tax dodging, stipulates that where property is placed in trust but the creator of the trust retains power to withdraw it, the income from the property is taxed as belonging to the creator.

Another provision, which it is estimated will increase revenues $8,000,000, would place tax payers of all states on the same basis regardless of state community tax laws. It stipulates that where husband and wife have a joint interest in property acquired after marriage the income from such property is to be taxed to the one having control over it.

Provides Penalties for Initiation.

Defining "capital assets" as property held by a tax payer for profit or investment for more than two years, the bill provides that the amount by which the tax is reduced on account of such a loss shall be limited to 12½ per cent of the loss. The treasury estimates this change will increase revenues by [illegible]. Another $[illegible] would be brought into the treasury by a provision which would limit deductions from gross income for interest paid and for losses of a non-business character to the amount they exceed the tax payers' tax-exempt income.

The bill provides that the penalty prescribed by the existing act for evasion of sur-taxes by corporations shall apply to the net income of holding corporations and all dividends received on stock owned by them.

Other developments in the tax situation included:

The announcement by Mr. Garner, that he would formulate a tax revision program, differing in many essentials from the Mellon plan, for presentation to the ways and means committee.

Says Bonus Bill Will Pass.

Mr. Garner predicted that "some way" would be found to tax stock dividends, and made the assertion that $735,000,000 revenue could be raised annually through taxes against which there would be no complaint from the general public.

While opposed to the bonus, he predicted that an adjusted compensation bill would be passed, despite the position of President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon on such legislation.

A conference of Republican house members on the bonus question would be held January 10, under the plan of a group of war veterans who are insisting that the Ways and Means committee be instructed to report a bonus bill. Representative Johnson, South Dakota, was engaged today in circulating petitions for the conference.

AID SENT TO SHERIFF IN HUNT FOR GIRL'S ATTACKER

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 28. — Fifteen high powered rifles and 1,000 rounds of ammunition were ordered sent to Sheriff Ben Wells of Menifee county today by Governor William J. Fields, in response to an appeal from prominent citizens of Mount Sterling in an endeavor to capture "Teet" Bryant, reported to be hiding in the Morgan county hills after he had assaulted Miss Mary Lou Wells, 17, near Pomeroyton, on Christmas evening.

Following his attack upon Miss Wells, Bryant barricaded himself in a house and stood off officers with a rifle until he could make his escape at nightfall into the hills. Bryant, who is married, is said to have attacked Miss Wells as she was on her way to a wedding.

Bryant killed a man several years ago but later received a pardon.

MORE FREAKISH WEATHER

Elmira, Dec. 28.—Within a few hours after Elmira and vicinity was covered with about two inches of snow last night, boys were seen in different sections of the city playing marbles. The snow melted away so quickly that it left the ground bare and soft and small boys were soon busy with their spring games.

EIFFEL TOWER BUILDER DIES

Paris, Dec. 28.—Gustave Eiffel, the engineer who built the famous tower that bears his name, is dead. He was 91 years of age.

SAILSTEAD AND LOVER IN JAIL

Confess Burning Building With Body Disinterred — Get Four Years Each

Superior, Wis., Dec. 28.—Edward S. Sailstead and Dorothy Anderson, who pleaded guilty to a charge of arson and were sentenced to four years imprisonment by Judge Archibald McKay in superior court, tonight were enroute to prison. They confessed that they burned a Lake Nebagamon, Wis., cottage containing the disinterred body of Allen McPhee the night of August 26, 1920.

Tomorrow the couple will say goodbye for at least two years, the earliest date they may be eligible for parole under the Wisconsin statutes. The former Eau Claire manufacturer and his "sunshine girl" left with the assurance of the court that the sentence imposed would be "substantially reduced for good behavior."

Sailstead today was served with the complaint in the divorce proceedings brought against him by Mrs. Louise Sailstead Richardson, who gains legal separation so that she might remarry Sam T. Richardson, of Eau Claire, [illegible], whom she married five years ago under the impression that Sailstead had been burned to death.

Sports of 1923

By FEG MURRAY

Review of the Year—Miscellaneous



Outdoor Sports

Yachting. The Gloucester schooner, Columbia, which qualified to challenge for the International Fishing vessel trophy by its proven superiority over the Henry Ford, was the winner of that event by default when Captain Walters of the Canadian Schooner "Bluenose" refused to resail the second race in which he finished first but was disqualified because he committed a technical foul. The American captain refused to take the cup, however. The Tyrtus retained her title as the National Star Boat champion in the races on Long Island sound, while Britain beat America badly in the race of six metre yachts at Cowes, England. On the Pacific Coast, Pedder's Diablo won the Honolulu race in a little over 14 days. A. J. Gerbault, a young Frenchman, created a sensation by sailing across the Atlantic alone in a 10-ton boat in 142 days.

Automobile racing. Eddie Hearne of Los Angeles is the new champion, winning the title from Jimmy Murphy with 1762 points to the latter's 1470. Tommy Milton won the 1923 500-mile Memorial day classic at Indianapolis. Salamano, an Italian driver, won the International Grand Prix race at Milan. Seagrave, an Englishman, won the French Grand Prix at Tours.

Trap shooting. Mark Arie of Champaign, Illinois, won the Grand American handicap, held in Chicago in August, by hitting 96 birds out of 100. He also won the all-around title with 987 targets out of 1,000.

Crew. The University of Washington Crew, the first western outfit to win an eastern classic, won the annual Poughkeepsie regatta.

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"Fired" for Being Late, Wife Jumps Into River

New York.—A woman who was rescued after she had jumped into the East river was able to recall her name and her troubles in Bellevue hospital.

She is Mrs. Cecilia Tuskin of 606 East Thirteenth street. Her husband [illegible] two years ago, and since then Mrs. Tuskin has been the sole support of the family, in which there are two children. One of the children is in an asylum for the deaf and dumb.

The other, five-year-old Helen, was denied admission to a day nursery, where Mrs. Tuskin was accustomed to leave her, because of illness. That kept Mrs. Tuskin from reporting for work on time and the boss fired her. That was why she jumped into the river.

"Dead" Man Returns; Dies.

Allentown, Pa. — Declared legally dead several months ago after an absence of 14 years, Wilbur Biery turned up at the home of his brother. Arrangements had been made for his legal "resurrection" so he could share in his parents' estate, which approximated $30,000, but there will be no legal "bringing back to life" proceedings, for he was found dead in bed from heart disease.

Yes, Can He?

Can a man who writes the best love letter be equally successful in keeping the flour barrel filled?

U. S. INSISTS YANK IS DEAD

Ex-Service Man Listed as "Killed" Wants Citizenship.

Frank Pira, "killed in action" in France five years ago and for whom taps had been sounded at four Memorial day exercises at Madera, near Fresno, Cal., has appealed to S. B. Hare, commander of the Madera post [illegible] covering his citizenship and establishing himself on army records as a living man.

Pira declared that he had been denied the privilege of rejoining his company in France because he was reported dead, and that he refused his own $10,000 life insurance while visiting his parents in Italy. He later returned to the United States as an immigrant, after being refused entry as a citizen.

The Madera post has taken the case up with Washington authorities.

TOMB OF HEROD'S KIN

Sarcophagus Inscribed With Name of Phalion Found.

A sarcophagus inscribed with the name of Phalion, uncle of Herod the Great, has been unearthed by excavators of the University of Pennsylvania Museum at Philadelphia, who have been working at Beisan, Palestine, the Beth-shean of the Old Testament.

The workmen also found a carved basalt stele of King Seti I of Egypt, on which is described the Pharaoh's military dispositions in Palestine, and contains the name of Beisan.

10,000 SYNTHETIC OYSTERS PLANTED

Placed in Old Beds by New York Commission.

MARKS SCIENTIFIC TRIUMPH

The planting of the first 10,000 "synthetic" oysters was completed recently by the New York State Conservation Commission at Cold Spring Harbor.

Three hundred and thirty million baby incubator oysters were liberated at Oyster Bay and Northport, while experiments are proceeding to cross-breed Blue Points and Lynnhavens, Cape Cods and Jamaica oysters, Greenports and Delaware Bays with the object of creating new types of oysters with more meat, improved flavor and prettier shells.

The 10,000 "synthetic" oysters were made ready for planting by a process developed since 1920 by the state conservation commission. This process is many million times as efficient as nature's method of breeding oysters. A female oyster, the most prolific of all living things, lays from ten to a hundred million eggs in a season. Only about one in a million of these is fertilized and only about one in a hundred million grows up to be an oyster. The artificial method fertilizes nearly 90 per cent of the eggs and promises to enable a large proportion of them to grow to maturity.

Many Oyster Beds Barren.

The system of making a million eggs grow where only one grew before was developed by the state conservation commission to meet a desperate situation in the oyster industry. Since 1910 the production of cultivated oyster beds has been cut in half. Oysters have been harvested faster than they could breed naturally. Thousands of acres of oyster beds have been rendered barren. For example, the revenue of Rhode Island from taxing oyster beds has been cut from $125,000 to $12,000 a year.

The new fully developed process of growing them artificially promises to correct all this, to restock the barren acreage, to produce all the seed oysters that are needed and to grow hardier and better strains of oysters.

"In 1919 when the commission first considered the plan of growing oysters artificially from the egg the idea was ridiculed," said William Firth Wells, biologist of the state conservation commission, who has been rearing the "synthetic" oysters in a small room in one of the towers of the bridge at Bayville.

"It was something like proposing perpetual motion machines to physicists. Every kind of effort had been made to raise oysters from the egg and they all failed. It was proved by Professor Brooks of Johns Hopkins in 1879 that the oyster eggs could be impregnated or fertilized artificially and made to go through the first stage of their development. But the oyster at [illegible] is a thing only one four-hundredth part of an inch in diameter and it is not much larger in its embryonic stage.

Water Cleansed in Separator.

"It is so small that the physical problem of changing the water so as to give the growing oysters clean water and a fresh food supply proved impossible. The use of filters proved impossible. Anything coarse enough to filter out the impurities filtered out the oysters as well. Anything fine enough to filter out the impurities clogged every time.

"This deadlock continued until 1920. The thing that broke it was the use of a centrifugalizing machine like a cream separator. When the water was beginning to become stale, it was put in the separator. It was feared that the machine whirling at 7,000 revolutions a minute would crush the minute organisms. This was not the case. They stuck to the walls of the separator. When the stale water was completely eliminated the future oysters were rinsed out into clean water. Every two days this centrifugalizing process was repeated for two weeks. By that time the larvae had grown thin, transparent silvery shells and were large enough so that fresh water could be introduced and the impurities filtered out without their escaping.

"This process has been developing and improving up to the present and the batch of young oysters we have just planted is the first large setting we have reared artificially. Next year they will be served on the halfshell to oyster planters in different parts of the coast. They will be small oysters, for it takes four or five years for them to attain maturity, but they will show what can be done artificially."

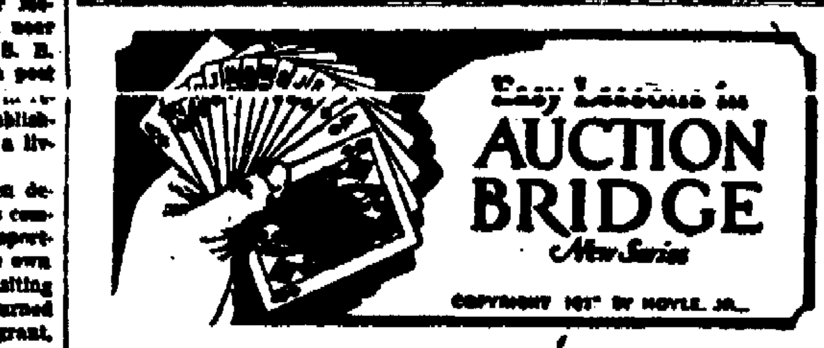
The discovery of artificial breeding methods may be a greater benefit to Europe than it is to this country. Oysters have been caught faster than they bred practically everywhere in Europe, and have become a luxury. Oysters are the greatest American sea crop, and the annual harvest here is more than four-fifths of the world's annual harvest.

Spider Webs Finer Than Silk.

Fine as is the filament produced by the silk-worm, that produced by the spider is even more attenuated. If, for instance, a thread of a spider's web measured four miles, it would weigh little more than a grain.

Every Day Sabbath.

Every day is the Sabbath somewhere. The Greeks observe Monday; the Russians, Tuesday; the Assyrians, Wednesday; Egyptians, Thursday; the Turks, Friday; the Jews, Saturday, and the Christians, Sunday.



ARTICLE No. 2

Big hands at Auction play themselves. Even the novice can go game if he holds all the aces and kings. The time when lost tricks become important is in the close hands. Then good judgment and keen perception are required. Tricks lost in such hands rankle. One well-known expert is authority for the statement that four out of every five rubbers are "chucked," that is, lost by bad play or bad bidding. Such a statement by an authority shows the importance of lost tricks and the necessity of studying and, if possible, of eliminating their causes.

It is impossible, of course, to specify or single out the numberless ways of losing tricks. One of the most common is for the weak player to take a finesse which may gain a trick if it wins but is sure to lose game if it fails. Never risk the loss of a game to gain an extra trick.

Another common mistake is the refusal of a player to shift to another suit when he finds his own suit is hopeless. Often the weak player persists in playing his own suit when there is no possible chance to make it. The sensible thing to do under such circumstances is to give up trying for the impossible and shift to another suit that may be your partner's.

Another mistake that the novice frequently makes is failing to unblock his partner's suit; that is, he retains the winning card of the suit until forced to win the trick and then has no more of the suit to lead to his partner. Still another error is the refusal to trump in with the best trump. Many players so dislike to trump in with the top trump that they hold on to their top trump as if it were gold, and let their opponents discard their losing cards on an established suit. Never let an opponent discard if you can avoid doing so. Play the top trump under such conditions just as quickly as the lowest trump.

There are numberless other ways of losing tricks but it is not necessary or expedient to specify them. Whenever you are conscious of having lost a trick or your partner tells you of it, try to get at the cause and endeavor to avoid making that same mistake again. If a player would conscientiously follow this plan, his game would improve so rapidly that he would be surprised. If you do not understand a particular play, do not hesitate to ask a better player. Most players are only too willing to air their knowledge in explaining the cause of your lost tricks. One of the sad sights of any card club is the weak player. The other members avoid him as a pest and his lot is anything but happy. Work to improve your game. There is no royal road to Auction. If you want to become a good player, you must work over your game constantly.

In studying your lost tricks, do not forget that occasionally the same number of tricks can be won by bad play as by good play. Always remember that there is a right way and a wrong way to play Auction and continually strive for the right way. One point that should not be overlooked is that occasionally the loss of a trick is justifiable and represents good play. For example, near the end of a hand you need a certain number of tricks to save game. Then is the time to think what card or cards your partner must have to save game, and to play accordingly. Sometimes you will lose a trick by such tactics but more often you will win. To thus place the cards mentally in the only way to save or win a game and then to play accordingly, is the sign of the expert. A trick lost under such conditions is always a justifiable loss.

Avoid criticising. Never let the lost tricks, either your own or your partner's, upset your poise. A cool head is a great asset in Auction as in everything else. If you let the lost trick of one hand upset your play in the next hand, you are just doubling its importance. Once a trick is lost, forget it. Go on to the next hand without regrets and you will get much better results.

Solution of Problem No. 1

	Hearts—10, 6 Clubs—None Diamonds—A, Q Spades—K, J, 4, 2	
Hearts—9, 7, 5 Clubs—None Diamonds—8, 7, 2 Spades—Q, 10	Y A B Z	Hearts—K, 4, 3, 2 Clubs—None Diamonds—9, 5, 4, 3 Spades—None
	Hearts—A, Q, J, 8 Clubs—None Diamonds—K, J, 10, 6 Spades—None	

Spades are trumps and Z is in the lead. How can he so play the hand that he will win all the tricks against any defense? This problem is an example of the grand coup, that is, trumping your partner's winning card in order to shorten your trump holding, either to avoid the lead or to obtain a tenace position. In this problem, Z should lead two rounds of diamonds, winning the second round in his own hand with the king. We should then lead the jack of diamonds and trump it in Y's hand with the deuce of spades. Y should now lead the ten of hearts and win it with the jack in dummy and lead another diamond and trump with the four of trumps in Y's hand. Y should now lead the heart which Z should win with the queen. Z now must win the remaining tricks as Y has the king and jack of spades over the queen ten in A's hand. This problem is well worth careful study.

LITTLE LESSONS IN Big Sports

BASKETBALL



How should basket shooting practice be conducted?

Answered by
DR. JAMES NAISMITH

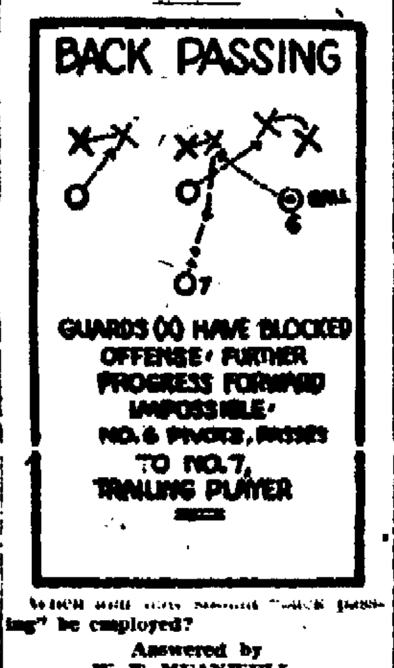
The inventor of the game, who has done more to further it than any other one man alive. University of Kansas.

Arrange to have at least six regulation basketball goals with diagrammed backboards and two goals with 18-inch arm extensions. Not more than five men should work at each basket. The baskets with the 18-inch extensions are valuable to encourage clean shooting as the player can not rely on the backboard for a hope-shot or a rebound.

The regulation baskets with the backboards are to be used for regular carom and rebound work. In basket shooting practice, the coach should detail each squad of five to some capable assistant, in order that each man may get careful individual training in the development of correct technique in the fundamental shots, the push, loop or arch shot, the underhand or free throw shot, the one-hand English or follow shot, and the hook or place shot.

Keep everlastingly at your weakest shots.

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When and how should "back passing" be employed?

Answered by
W. E. MEANWELL

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When the man in possession of the ball can not pass with reasonable certainty of success to a teammate, ahead of him and free to receive the ball, the ball may be passed back. The preference, in attack, should always be given to an opportunity to pass forward, if it appears reasonably certain of success. A dribble should be thought of to advance the ball, but if neither appears to be reasonably sure of success, the man with the ball should pivot, and reverse so that his back is toward his opponent, and pass backward. Possession of the ball is of prime importance. Some one, either a guard or a forward, should always trail ten to fifteen feet behind the man with the ball so as to be in "safety man" position to receive the back pass.

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THE JOB OF BEING A DAD

By FRANK H. CHELEY

President Father and Son League of America

No. 28—A Boy and the Books He Reads

Boys of early adolescent years have a surprising capacity for books. They fairly "eat 'em alive," as the boys say. In fact the bulk of all the reading the average boy does in his life is done between the ages of ten and sixteen, many boys reading as high as four or five books a week. From the point of mental development, books are of the very greatest importance. Next to the flesh and blood pals with which a boy runs, they are the greatest influence in his life, yet the average dad gives the matter of books very little, if any, consideration.

I recently had occasion to spend some time in a splendid summer camp for boys. Every one of the nearly one hundred boys who were there at that time had been urged to bring a "good book" to camp with them for the use of the camp on rainy days. Virtually every boy responded, but out of the hundred volumes thus secured, [illegible] of them were [illegible]. The balance was "junk"; [illegible] of boy fiction; books that [illegible] by the course of [illegible] a queer the all dime novel [illegible] bound with board covers [illegible] by a so-called color-plate [illegible].

[illegible] of our best boys [illegible] books by the score [illegible] where. Is this meeting the mental needs of a boy?

One home in twenty takes one or more of the best magazines for boys, while there will be from six to ten for the adults, ranging from fashion to trade journals. Every boy should not only have the best in a boy's periodical, but should be stimulated constantly by purposeful conversation to discuss what he reads in it, in order to help him define his ideas and reach his own convictions about the world, the people in it and their current progress.

Parents need to be reminded again and again that the earliest mental impressions are the ones that are most firmly fixed in the mind and that are the hardest to eradicate in later life; and that a large bulk of early impressions comes from books.

There are far too many homes and parents of growing boys who feel that they cannot afford to be constantly buying books for their boys. To such let me say there is no greater mistake, for, as Lyman Abbott says, "You cannot afford to buy books? Can you afford carpets on your floors and ornaments on your tables? Then you can afford to buy books. You might far better live in a house with bare floors and dispense with many of these luxuries of food and dress that every mechanic and laboring man contrives to get than to deny yourself and your children books. * * * When it comes to be understood that books are necessities of life—indispensable furnishings of every adequate home—even the poorest people will find ways of purchasing them for the sake of the growing boys."

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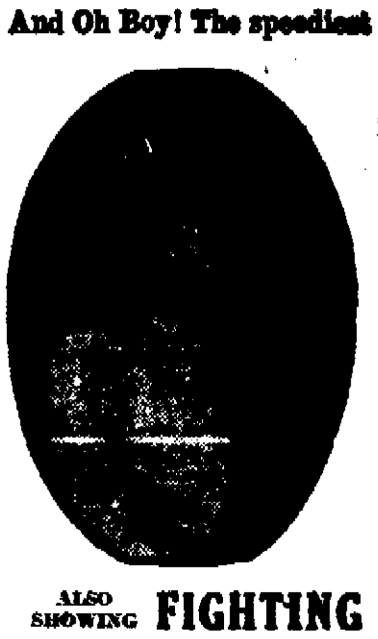
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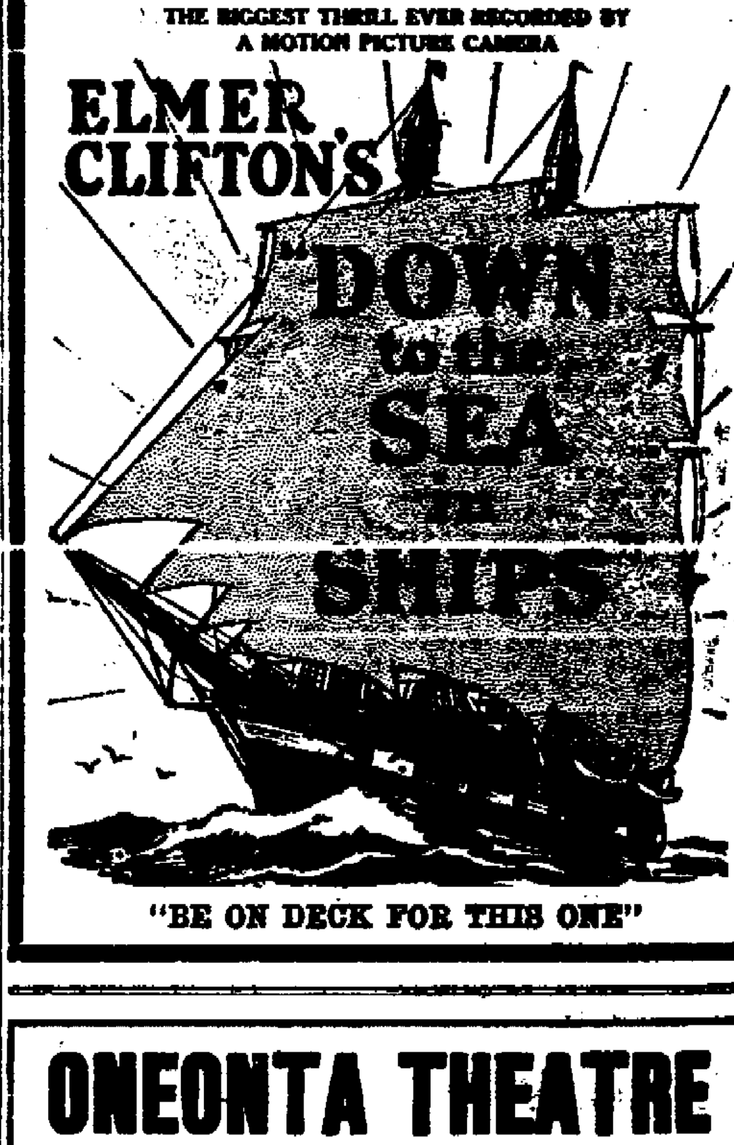


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Otsego County News

KNOCKED DOWN BY COASTERS

Miss Helena Swackhammer, Postmistress of Schenevus, Suffers Possible Concussion of Brain.

Schenevus, Dec. 28.—Knocked to the ground, unconscious, by a sled last evening as she was returning up a hill in the village to continue coasting, Miss Helena Swackhammer, postmistress, was resting quietly today, although rumors are afloat to the effect that she is suffering from a possible concussion of the brain.

Miss Swackhammer was one of a party of 75 to 100 who had been enjoying the coasting on Main street hill all evening and the crowd made it difficult for George L. Chamberlain, who was coming down the incline with his wife, to steer through the throng. When about in front of Lester H. Chase's market, Miss Swackhammer was struck by the speeding sled.

She was taken to the home of LeGrand Palmater on Main street, where she remained until this morning, when she was removed to her home. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain stayed at the Palmater home with her until morning. Dr. E. C. Winsor is in charge of the case and advises complete rest for the sufferer.

From 7 until 10 p. m. the highway and side streets were policed by village trustees and red lanterns were placed in several places as a warning, with the idea of preventing any accident to the coasters and it was about the latter hour that the accident occurred.

Sunday Church Services.

Usual services in the Baptist church. The preacher of the morning service will officiate at Westford Baptist church in the afternoon.

Usual services in the Methodist Episcopal church. The pastor, Rev. L. A. Duren, will speak in the morning on, "Acknowledgment."

Services at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church at 9:30 a. m., Rev. Edward T. Reilly saying mass.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNG.

Hymns Appropriate to Occasion Sung Monday Evening.

Laurens, Dec. 28. — The Christmas carols which were sung on Christmas eve, under the direction of Rev. N. B. Graves, brought cheer to the "shut-ins" and were appreciated by all who heard them. We hope this may become a yearly custom with us.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Peck returned home Thursday after a week's visit with relatives and friends in Delhi, Meredith and Meredith Square. Mr. Peck's niece accompanied them home and will visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Peck.—Christmas day was a happy occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Maples this year when their sons and families came to enjoy the day with them and their daughters, Mrs. Matteson, Rosamond and Hollis.—Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Harrison of Brooklyn are guests of their sister, Miss Maude Harrison. — Mr. and Mrs. Gorse Gray and daughter, Irene, of Downsville, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray. —Misses Laura Allen and Mary Hand are spending a ten days' vacation at their homes here.—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Platt had as guests over Christmas their children, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Morehouse of Mineola, George from Jersey City, Alton from Brooklyn, and Levi from Castile.—Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Weatherly and daughters spent Christmas with their brother's family, Cecil Weatherly, in West Oneonta.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tanner had as guests on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tanner, Kenneth Tanner, Miss Ruth Tanner of Oneonta, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hopkins, Miss Anna Hopkins and Howard Hopkins.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Southworth of Unadilla spent Christmas day at the home of Charles Southworth. — Miss Miriam Peaslee, a nurse at the Mary Imogene Bassett hospital in Cooperstown, spent Christmas with her parents.—Miss Imogene Ackley, a student at the Folts Institute at Herkimer has been spending a few days this week with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Irish. — Miss Rosamond Matteson left Thursday morning for New York city, where she will be entertained by her Spokane friend, Miss Antoinette Dustin, who is a student at Columbia college.—Mrs. Lu M. Williams left Thursday night for Susquehanna, Pa., where she was called by the death of a friend.—W. E. Wart spent from Saturday until Monday in Sandy Creek and Orwell, where he was called by the death of a nephew.—Guests at the Widger home for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Edson, Henry Dusinberre, Marjorie Widger of Binghamton and Earl Watson of Savannah, Ga.—Miss Pauline Davenport of Oneonta is a guest of her friend, Miss Doris Ferguson.—Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hopkins spent a few days this week in Mohawk.—Principal F. J. Casey is attending a conference for principals in Syracuse.—Dr. and Mrs. Deffunback of New York city spent from Sunday until Wednesday with Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Augustin. Other guests at the Augustin home on Christmas were W. E. Yager and Miss Yager of Oneonta.

Teachers on Vacation.

The following teachers are spending vacation at their homes here: Miss Julia Winsor, from Elizabeth, N. J.; Miss Winifred Cates, from Mt. Vernon; the Misses Augusta Dorfler, from Bergenfield, N. J.; Rena Dorfler, from Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.; Bertha Dorfler, from Bainbridge; Miss Florence Eldred, from Woodcliff on Hudson; Miss Gertrude Eldred, from Cooperstown; Miss Mable Petersen, from Painted Post.

DEATH OF MARY PARKER CLARK

Native of Roxbury Passes Away at Syracuse—Interment at Unadilla.

Unadilla, Dec. 28.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Parker Clark, who died at Syracuse December 22, was held from the Methodist church here Monday. Rev. W. E. Elwood officiated and interment was made in Evergreen Hill cemetery by the side of her late husband, who died about 30 years ago.

The deceased was born in Roxbury 86 years ago and was the last of the children born to Merritt and Rebecca Clark. She resided in this village for many years and had resided since May last with her niece, Mrs. Otis McMartin. She had been an invalid for some five or six years. About two months ago she fell and fractured a hip and in her feeble condition she was unable to recover from the shock and failed gradually until her release from suffering was most welcome.

[illegible] Olmstead, a sister of Mrs. Clark, came here to live with her about 20 years ago, and brought her little granddaughter, Ethelwyn Huntington, with her. Mrs. Olmstead died about six years ago, and Ethelwyn, now Mrs. McMartin, remained to comfort the declining years of her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. McMartin, Mrs. L. E. Lawton and Mrs. Carrie Bailey of Syracuse, nieces of Mrs. Clark, accompanied the body to its last earthly place of rest. Others who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Evans Huntington, Ford Huntington, Masonville; Arthur Parker, Miss Elva Parker, Sidney; Mrs. Iva Albright; Mr. and Mrs. George Honeywell, Youngs; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rider and Mrs. Alice Haight, Sidney Center.

Christmas Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. DeGraff of Oyster Bay, J. Bartlett Hunt of Troy, Pa., and Miss Margaret Hubbard of Troy came to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bausman, to help make their Christmastide a happy one.

Concert Postponed.

The concert which was planned for Friday evening, December 28, has been postponed because of other events on that date.

Suggests Community Tree.

As Bainbridge and Gilbertsville citizens have each had a community Christmas, it has helped to awaken a similar spirit here, and with our Community house and large grounds the interest may increase until Unadilla follows their example and has such a Christmas next year.

Watchnight Service.

New Year's Eve, beginning at 9:30, there will be a union watchnight service at the Presbyterian church, to which everybody is invited. There will be an hour and a half of song and one of service. Refreshments will be served.

To Consider Men's Club.

The trustees of the Community house have called a meeting to be held there January 4, 1924, at 8 o'clock to discuss the question of forming a men's club.

CHRISTMAS IN ELK CREEK.

Elk Creek, Dec. 28. — Miss Jessie Craig left Sunday for a two weeks' stay with friends in New York city.—Mrs. O. H. Chase spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Stilwell, in Colliers. — Clyde and Laone Kern of Ithaca and Clifford Kern and family of Oneonta were at the Kern home for Christmas. — Mrs. Jura Smith was a guest of friends in Oxford over Christmas. — Mrs. Dewitt Sperry and daughter, Dorothy, are spending the week with friends in Cooperstown.—Scott Yeomans of Jamaica came Wednesday for a few days' stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Yeomans. — Louise Clark of Hartwick Seminary and Ralph Dutcher of Schenectady were guests at Fred Dutcher's on Christmas day. — Mrs. Libbie Martin was in Sidney from Sunday until Wednesday, at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Walter Miller.—George L. Nesbit and sister, Elizabeth, of Schenevus, were recent guests at Arthur Wilsey's.

FOR JAPAN AND NEAR EAST.

Methodist Church at Mt. Vision Contributes to Each Fund.

Mt. Vision, Dec. 28.—Largely attended was the Christmas party and exercises at the Methodist church on Thursday evening and the program proved pleasing and enjoyable. An offering for the Near East relief amounting to $8 was taken. At the same church on Sunday morning last a collection amounting to $21 was taken for the Japan earthquake fund.

Services at that church as usual on Sunday and in the evening the pastor will preach at the union services, his theme being, "Review of 1923."

Personal Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Field and sons spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Hosea Jones, on Hartwick hill.—Miss Emma Crow of Edmeston is spending a few days with relatives here.—Miss Annie Wasple of New York city is spending her holiday vacation with her friend, Mrs. Allison Hall.—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shove of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. William Shove of Oneonta were at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Shove, on Christmas day. — Mrs. Addison Robinson is ill. Her daughter, Mrs. Kendall Dunn of Oneonta, was here to see her Christmas day.

NEWS FROM MILFORD.

Large Attendance Enjoys "Betty's Christmas at Presbyterian Church.

Milford, Dec. 28.—The play, "Betty's Christmas," given by the Sunday school, was enjoyed by a good audience gathered in the chapel Wednesday evening. It presented the spirit of Christmas in a simple and taking way.

On the last Sunday of the year, in addition to the other, a short sermon will be given for the children. The topic in the evening will be, "Going Somewhere."

New Books for Milford Library.

Have we a chance to get the latest? Yes, indeed. Among them many 1922 copyrights. For instance, "Valley of Silent Men," "Man of the Desert," "U. P. Trail," "Gaspards of Pine Croft," "Tidal Wave," "The Able McLaughlins," "North of 36," "The Man from Maine," and "Doctor Nye."

Children will also find books by Burgess and others, especially for them, like "The Adventures of Jerry Muskrat," "Mother Goose," "Tanglewood Tales," "Japanese Fairy Tales," "Hollow Tree," etc.

Boys and girls and everybody will find something for them. Ask the librarian. And do not think that the new thing is all that is worth while. Earlier books by Gene Stratton Porter, Ralp Connor, Harold Belle Wright and others are often better than the very last if you have not read them before, and worth reading again sometimes. Then the classics of English and American literature, history, poetry, etc., things needed for furnishing an all around mind. Come and see for yourself.

Watchnight Service at Otego

Otego, Dec. 28.—Watchnight services will be held in the Methodist church parlors on Monday evening, beginning at 9 o'clock. The program is as follows: 9 to 10, opening service; 10 to 11:15, social hour with refreshments; 11:15, to 12, "Looking Backward and Forward."

"The Dayspring" will be the subject of the morning sermon at the Methodist church on Sunday and "Amusing the Angels" of the evening sermon. Sunday school at 12M and Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

HARTWICK NEWS.

Bowler-Russell Wedding Solemnized on Christmas Day at Canton.

Hartwick, Dec. 28. — Prof. Leonard C. Bowler, principal of Lyons Falls High school, and son of Rev. George Bowler of the Baptist church of this village, was married on Christmas day to Miss Minford Russell at her home in Canton. Rev. George Bowler performed the marriage ceremony.

Leave For New Home.

H. F. Yale and wife today leave for their new home in Valois, where Mr. Yale has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church. Their many friends in Hartwick send with them their best wishes for their success and happiness in their new home.

Rebekahs Hold Christmas Tree.

Members of the Otego Valley Rebekah lodge and their families will hold their annual supper and Christmas tree at the lodge rooms on Friday evening, Dec. 28.

Westford Home Bureau.

Westford, Dec. 28. — Mrs. David Skellie, president of the Home Bureau, announces a special afternoon meeting January 3 at the home of Mrs. Henry Wright. Miss Emma Roseboom, Home Bureau agent of Tompkins county, will be present to help plan many especially helpful things for the coming year. All are invited to come and join the bureau. The dues are only $1, which includes a subscription to the Farm and Home Bureau News. It is hoped that all will gather promptly at 1 o'clock as the afternoon will prove too short for the work planned.

MARYLAND

Maryland, Dec. 28. — Rev. A. R. Empie will preach at the Lutheran church Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. A cordial invitation to all. Fifteen minute song service will precede the evening sermon.

K. O. T. M. Head



A. W. Frye of Detroit, Mich., is the newly elected supreme commander of the Maccabees, international fraternal benefit society. He replaces D. P. Markey, who resigns Jan. 1 after holding the office 33

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Announcements of Services and Sermon Topics in the City Churches.

First Baptist church, corner Chestnut and Academy streets. Edson J. Farley, D. D., minister. Worship with preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, God or a Guess. Evening, The End of All Things. Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Junior C. E. at 4 p. m. Intermediate C. E. at 5:30 p. m. Senior C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, corner of Main and Grand streets. Rev. Father William D. Noonan, pastor. Rev. Father John Murphy, assistant. Low mass Sunday at 7 a. m. Children's mass at 9 a. m. High mass at 10:30 a. m. On Holy days, low mass at 5 a. m., high mass at 7 a. m. Benediction at 8 a. m.

First Methodist Episcopal church, corner Chestnut and Church streets. Rev. Dr. Flynn, pastor. Services of worship will be at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Some New Year Reflections." At night Dr. Flynn will give the Christmas story, "The Birthday of Hope." Bible school session will be at 11:45 a. m. Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m.

The First Presbyterian church. Rev. J. C. Russell, D. D., pastor. Morning worship at 10:30. Sermon, "The Past and the Future." Sunday school at 11:45. Christian Endeavor society at 6:30. Subjects, New Year's Wishes. Leader, Clyde Johnson.

Main Street Baptist church, Main and Maple streets. Chas. S. Pendleton, pastor. Morning worship with address by Secretary Lange at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Junior church at 3 p. m. C. E. service at 6:45 p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the choir and orchestra will repeat the Christmas cantata, "The Star of the East."

Lutheran church of Atonement, Grove street. Rev. Philip M. Luther, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30. Sermon subject, "The Rewards of Constancy." Bible school at 11:45; Luther league, 6:45; vespers at 7 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Gifts of the Wise Men."

Chapin Memorial church, Ford avenue, near Main street. Rev. J. A. Judge, pastor. 10:30 a. m. subject, "Shadows on the Soul." Bible school at 11:45. Y. P. C. U. at 6:30. 7:45 preaching, "The Old Wells."

Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church, corner Ceperley avenue and Chestnut street. Rev. Wilbur C. Dodge, pastor. 10:30 morning worship. 11:45 Sunday school. 6:30 Epworth league. 7:30 evening service. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor.

United Presbyterian church, 20 Dietz street. Rev. A. R. Skinner, pastor. Morning service at 10:30; subject, "The Measure of Our Days." Sabbath school at 11:45 a. m. Y. P. C. U. at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30; subject, "The Harvest of the Years."

River Street Baptist church, corner of Miller street. Rev. Norman S. Hurd, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30. Sermon theme, "A Worthwhile Resolution." Bible school at 11:45. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Theme, "The Blessing of Beginning."

Oneonta Plains Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Charles C. Volz, pastor. Sunday services 1 p. m. Sunday school; 2 p. m., preaching by the pastor, "The Dayspring." 7:30 p. m., Epworth league.

First Church of Christ Scientist. Sunday service 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. 61 Chestnut street.

Asne Memorial church (African Methodist Episcopal), Hunt street. Mrs. J. E. Anderson, pastor. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p. m.; preaching by the pastor at 8 o'clock. Monday night will be watch night at the Hunt street church, beginning at 10 o'clock, with song service, followed by a sermon by Rev. Mr. Williams, pastor of the Derrick Memorial A. M. E. church, New York city, and closing with prayer and praise.

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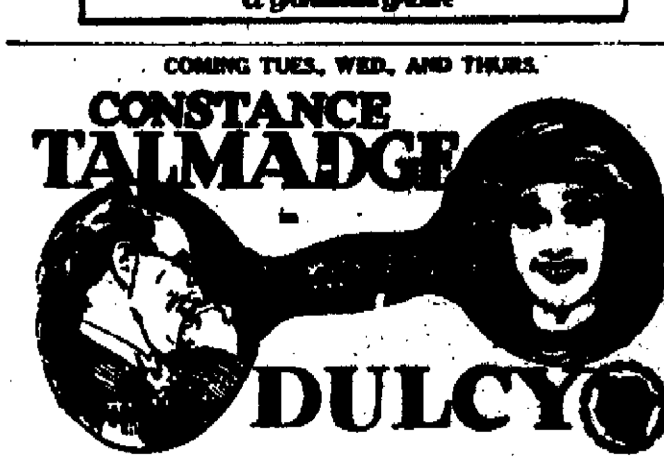
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CHRISTMAS IN FRANKLIN.

Interesting Exercises Sunday Evening by Village Churches.

Franklin, Dec. 28. — The Christmas exercises in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening were enjoyed by a large crowd. The four junior classes took part, with a tableau and recitations. There was also special music.

At the Congregational - Baptist church Sunday evening a Christmas cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," was rendered. On Monday evening a program by the children was given with Santa Claus and a Christmas tree, in Masonic hall, after which refreshments were served.

Grange to Install.

At the next meeting of the grange the officers will be installed. The meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Jackson, January 8. All members please be present.

Franklin Personals.

Mrs. Robert Hartwell has been visiting at Beerston. — Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bender of Treadwell were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and attended church here Sunday evening. — George Phillips had so far recovered that he walked down street to the market Wednesday. — George Ostrander has been on the sick list this week. — Mrs. Henry Alexander has been very ill at her home, about two miles from Franklin. Acute indigestion is said to be the trouble. Mrs. Drake is caring for her.

MANY TREADWELL MATTERS.

Treadwell, Dec. 28. — A surprise party was made for Rev. F. R. Edwards at I. O. O. F. hall last Friday evening. It was his birthday anniversary and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present. — Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holden are spending the holidays at their home here from his employment in Owego. — Wm. Stoddart and wife went to Oneonta last Saturday to spend the winter with relatives. — Willis Figary of Rock Royal was a week-end visitor here. — Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCulloch of New York are visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Cooper. — Miss Gertrude Dugbee of Franklin has been visiting at the home of her uncle, Frank Dugbee. — Miss Ethel Biederman of Edgewood and Miss Minnie Bender of Delhi are enjoying a vacation at the homes of their parents here. — Nearly $47 was raised here last week for the Japanese Relief fund. — Mr. and Mrs. Jay Scrambling and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Remington spent Christmas with Oneonta friends; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jester and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Feltman and son, Lynn, at Ralph Warren's, Meridale; Pierce Whittaker, Louis Thayer and Burton Boyce of Oneonta, and their families, at Edw. Boyce's; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McLean and Alton Clarke of Sidney Center, at Mrs. Esther Davidson's; Joseph Borst of Delhi, at Carl Bender's; and Miss Louise White of Franklin, with her mother, Mrs. Nettie Howe. — Robert Jester has rented Willis Figary's place here, taking possession Jan. 1. — The Maccabees will install their newly-elected officers Jan. 2. A supper will be served after the installation. — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawton and Miss Marguerite Potter of Otego and Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence and daughter, Angeline, of [illegible] Wilcox's. — Mrs. Henry Easson and sons are visiting Mundale relatives.—Communion services will be observed Sunday. — Please remember the men's supper at the church New Year's eve. — The fourth quarterly conference will be held Thursday, Jan. 3. — Mrs. Esther Davidson is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Alexander McLean, Sidney Center. — Mrs. A. Prime went to Delhi Thursday to spend a few weeks at Warren Honeywell's.

MERIDALE MATTERS.

Meridale, Dec. 28. — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck of Laurens are guests at the home of Charles Russell. — Mrs. Edith Georgia and son, Francis, of Oneonta, visited relatives here over Christmas. —William Grant and family of Delhi were guests of Mrs. Brown the first of the week. — Floyd Warren, who is attending college at Albany, was home over Christmas.—Mrs. M. H. VanDyke returned home Sunday from Oneonta, where she had been caring for her daughter, Mrs. Franklin. — Mr. and Mrs. Fry gave a Christmas party Saturday at the creamery to the employes, wives and children. The event was greatly enjoyed by all present. Much credit is due Miss A. L. Forbes, hostess of the occasion. — R. L. Hollister and daughter, Joan, were business callers in Oneonta Thursday. — Henry Smith and family of West Meredith were guests at the home of A. E. Benton Christmas day. — Bruno Tobey of East Meredith was a business visitor in town Thursday. — Kenneth Vanderburgh is ill with scarlet fever.

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FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANTS.

At midnight, Monday next, with the close of the current calendar year, the present city government ends, Mayor Miller relinquishing at that time the reins of the city government to Aldermen W. Irving Bolton. With the retiring mayor there will go out of office also three of six members of the common council, Aldermen Bolton, Francis and Morris. While the new council will be composed entirely of Republicans it is much to be doubted if the affairs of the city will be any more harmoniously administered than has been the conduct of the city's business matters during the two years now ending. Certainly if at the close of another two year period the record proves one of equal efficiency and successful accomplishment the men who have had the responsibility may well be congratulated upon their success.

The past two years has been a period of more than usual activity, one in which improvements of notable character have been brought to a successful conclusion, conspicuous among which may be mentioned the transfer of the Water Works system to the city, the removal of the trolley tracks from Main, Church, Center and Maple streets and the construction of new pavements upon these important thoroughfares. Many other though perhaps less important betterments have been made with the finances of the city always in good condition and the maximum of results possible to expect in a municipality.

Other important subjects have been carefully considered and while not yet brought to successful consummation the agitation that has resulted has been productive of good and resulted no doubt in increased interest in civic advancement and betterment.

In fact to Mayor and council citizens quite generally will unite in according full meed of praise that they have given freely of their time and thought to public matters, in each instance save only that of mayor without any remuneration whatever, and recognition that they have exercised sound judgment and a comprehensive consideration of the welfare of the city.

GOOD COUNTY OFFICIALS

In addition to the several changes which with the new year will take place in the government of the city of Oneonta, there will be an even greater comparative number of new county officers and of members of the Board of Supervisors of Otsego, and not less than to city officials there is credit due to the retiring county officers for the service which during their terms they have given.

These retiring members of the county government are Sheriff Fred E. Williams of Laurens, who for three years has given excellent service in the chief executive office. B. J. Johnson of Cooperstown, whose efficient administration as county treasurer has ranked with those of his immediate predecessors, Messrs Warren and Shaw; William L. Smith, whose two terms as county clerk have been evidence of public appreciation of his services; and Adrian A. Pierson, who also for six years in a position of difficulty, has shown both legal ability and unflagging industry as district attorney. In their retirement they take with them the best wishes of good citizens who have had business with them, and best of all, of the electorate of their county, whose ballots were evidence of public confidence.

In the Board of Supervisors there is an unusual number of changes, there being thirteen new members elected to fourteen old members returned. The Supervisors retiring, either by their own choice, by election to higher office, or by the chances of the election itself, are Messrs Nelson of Decatur, Holbrook of Exeter, Glencoe of Middlefield, Hunt of Otego, Whipple of Otsego, Beardslee of Pittsfield, Smith of Springfield, McMorris of Westford, Goodell of Worcester, Campbell of Maryland, who without opposition succeeds to the position of district attorney; Backus of Morris, who is the newly elected county clerk; and Hall of New Lisbon, who becomes county treasurer, also without opposition. To those retiring and to those remaining credit is alike due for their efficient service; and the thirteen new members are to be congratulated not only on their election but also on the fact that there remains in the Board a goodly number of experienced members whose advice and counsel cannot fail to be of value in an office which every year becomes more difficult and burdensome to the incumbents.

JANUARY MILK PRICES.

Practically No Change from Figures of Last Two Months.

The recommendation of milk prices for January, as carried in the announcement of the officers of the Dairymen's League Co-operative association, following the regular meeting of the board of directors on December [illegible] will follow practically the same schedule as that in force at the present time. The only change is a reduction of five cents per one hundred pounds in Class 2 milk, which includes milk manufactured into condensed and evaporated milk. The [illegible] to selling its fluid milk at [illegible] for $2.80 per 100 [illegible] for 3 per cent milk [illegible] of 201-210 miles from [illegible]

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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

Wheat and Other Crops.

Over eight billion dollars' worth of relief to the farmers, according to the figures of the final crop report, came to them this year in the value of the crops themselves. The farm values, that is, the market values, less average transportation cost to market, attained in fact $8,322,698,000. This figure gave the farmers some $873,000,000 more of a return on their work in 1923 than they had gotten in 1922.—[New York Sun.

War Taxes in Peace.

President Coolidge has coined a phrase such as often goes far in campaigns. He thinks we should not have our "war taxes in peace times." Yet, as a matter of fact, unless we do what never has been done, pay as we fight, war taxes in peace times are inescapable. America is still paying Civil war taxes, it bids fair to be paying taxes for the World war for upwards of 50 years to come. — [Nebraska State Journal.

Automobile Reciprocity.

By proclamation of Governor Ritchie of Maryland, automobile reciprocity between the district and that state gets a two month's lease, from January 1. That period will give congress an opportunity to enable the relations thus established to become permanent by enacting laws relative to gasoline taxes in the district. Maryland's condition precedent to permanent reciprocity.—[Washington Post.

Plain Business Proposition.

Secretary Mellon is quite as unsensational in presenting his tax program to the House Ways and Means committee as he was in his first statement of the plan. About the only comment out of the ordinary that he makes is that the plan "appears to have met with a most favorite public reception."—[Wilkes-Barre Record.

Is It Fair to Lodge?

President Coolidge can get Democrats into line for his world court proposal if he can only persuade Lodge. Is it fair to ask Lodge to dismiss a pet hatred solely to serve the interests of a Republican President and the Republican party? — [Syracuse Post-Standard.

Interpreting Hiram.

If we get Hiram aright, Calvin Coolidge would make the finest ex-President of the United States living.—[Anaconda Standard.

Speculator's Progress.

"What became of that young speculator who was always getting tips?"

"Oh, he's still getting them. He's a waiter now."—[Boston Transcript.

The War in Mexico.

The result of the struggle for the presidency in Mexico will not be known until the bullets are all cast.—[Washington Post.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE NEW RESOLUTION.

It's your birthday. You have changed your position perhaps. Or it is the end of the calendar year.

You make new resolutions. You've broken many before, but you remember that it is better to make them even if you break them, than not to have even the "urge" to make them.

What is my idea?

That you make an arrangement just with yourself that you are going to interest yourself in that body of yours.

It gives you all you get, whether it be joy or sorrow, pleasure or pain.

You see, hear, suffer and enjoy through the medium of your body.

Some things may come to you, causing sorrow or pain over which you have no control. They come to all people

But you have sense enough to know that a great many of them are under your control.

What about it?

That you determine to treat that body of yours as it deserves, as it gives to or takes away so much from your enjoyment of life.

The first thing, if you are an indoor person, will be that you are going to get at least one hour of the day outdoors. Even if you are in an office or factory, go out at the noon hour for fifteen minutes. Then come back and rest for five minutes before you eat your lunch. After lunch rest for five minutes and then get the balance of your hour outdoors. That will be something.

Next is the matter of food. If you are at office work, make up your mind that a small piece of meat is sufficient, and that you are going to eat something green every day besides your vegetables.

If you are an outdoor man and are doing hard work, don't be afraid of meat. It is useful to repair tissue worn out by hard physical work.

If you are thin, make up your mind to get an extra egg or glass of milk at 11 o'clock and at 4.

If you are too heavy, determine that for one year at least you'll not eat much food after the noon meal, and that you'll cut down all your liquids. And whether light or heavy, fruit and one rough vegetable or cereal will be taken daily.

And as to exercise.

When I tell you that four minutes twice a day is all that you require, you'll be hardly giving that body of yours a fair deal if you're not willing to do that much.

First—Jogging or stationary running one hundred steps.

The rocking from side to side with knees kept straight ten times to each side.

Jogging 100 steps again.

Lying on back, and raising legs, knees straight, to almost to the right angle eight times.

Then jogging 50 steps.

Increase these slightly each week up to 150 steps.

Not a heavy program, is it?

I have no hesitation in saying that if you're willing to follow the above suggestions, you'll get more, and give more with that body of yours.

GOOD HUNTIN'!!



TWENTY AND THIRTY YEARS AGO

Days of Old Recalled by Items Clipped from The Star Files.

December 29, 1903.

W. H. Stickels has tendered his resignation as yard master of the D. & H. yard at Oneonta, and P. H. Campbell, recently assistant yard master, has been assigned, for the present at least, to the position. Mr. Stickels commenced in yard work here in 1879 and since 1885 has been in full charge.

A special writer upon the baseball outlook at Cornell university, in a letter to the New York Press, says: "In Burke, a freshman, Cornell has a pitcher who should become an intercollegiate star." This refers, of course, to one of Oneonta's most popular players, Walter Burke. He certainly is a very promising young twirler.

The Free Baptist society has elected the following officers: Trustees, James Losee and Burton Ackle; [illegible] treasurer, A. E. Caperley; deaconesses, Mrs. R. E. Morgan, Mrs. R. W. Miller, Mrs. W. H. Couse, Mrs. A. F. Wing, Mrs. Merton Gile, Mrs. John Bell, Mrs. N. H. Briggs, Mrs. John Moffatt, Mrs. Jerome Wells, Mrs. Isaac Alger; chorister, Mrs. O. A. Miller; head usher, R. Wesley Miller.

December 23, 1893.

A. J. O'Neil has disposed of his plumbing business at 5 Broad street to his brother, John G. O'Neil. The former will move to New Haven, Conn.

Dan Jennings, who has been for some time in the employ of W. H. Ives, jeweler, left yesterday for New York, where he will enter a horological college to remain for six months, perfecting himself in his chosen trade.

The Oneonta Street Railway company will carry 70,000 passengers this year and wants to carry 100,000 in 1894 in order to induce outside parties to become interested and to show business enough to warrant a change to electricity.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bennett leave Oneonta today to make their future home in Hartford, Conn., where Mr. Bennett has already entered in business as a cigar manufacturer. Mr. Bennett, late of the men's clothing firm of Bennett & Carr, has for many years been identified with Oneonta's business interests.

THE GUIDE POST—BY HENRY VANDYKE

THE GREATER GIFTS

But desire earnestly the greater gifts.—I Cor. 12:31.

It is only by thinking about great things that we come to love them, and only by loving them we come to long for them, and only by longing for them we are impelled to seek after them, and only by seeking after them do they become ours and enter into our vital experience.

Is not the reason why our lives often seem so narrow and poor and weak, why their interests seem so trivial, their results so feeble, just because we think so much of the things that are petty and narrow and barren and transient, and so little of the things that are great and fruitful and eternal?

These dry and thirsty lives of ours, these dull, stale, flat, and unprofitable lives of ours—whose fault is it that they are so?

Ours, and ours alone.

For the riches of infinite wealth and the powers of immeasurable strength are all about us waiting for us to possess and use them.

But there is only one way in which we can enter into their possession, and that is by thinking about them, by considering them earnestly and steadily until they draw us to themselves.

The strength of your life is measured by the strength of your will.

But the strength of your will is just the strength of the wish that lies behind it.

And the strength of your wish depends upon the sincerity and earnestness and tenacity with which you fix your attention upon the things which are really great and worthy to be loved.

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NIGHT SAFETY COMMITTEE

Innovation in Safety First Work Described in D. & H. Bulletin—"Never Stop Railway Nearing Completion.

Following are two articles taken from the "D. & H. Bulletin" of January 1, just issued, which should prove of interest to readers of The Star. The first describes a Night Safety committee which has been organized in the local D. & H. shops, and the second a novel railroad which is nearing completion in England:

Night Safety Committee.

An innovation in Safety First work as it applies to the railroad profession has been introduced at the Oneonta roundhouse in the nature of a Night Safety committee. So far as is known, this is the first move ever made in such a direction, and it is the opinion of those who conceived the idea that the departure from otherwise customary practice will be most beneficial in every respect. Credit is given to George Brown, master mechanic at Oneonta, an enthusiastic advocate of the principles of Safety First, for the [illegible]

Mr. Bown presided at the meeting at which the future activities of the new committee were outlined and discussed. G. S. Edmunds, superintendent of motive power, also was present, as was J. E. Long, superintendent of Safety, and R. C. Helwig, Safety agent. Mr. Edmunds declared himself as being very much interested in accident prevention activities in general, for the reason that a careful workman usually was an efficient worker, as well. The idea of a Night Safety committee impressed him as meeting a condition equally as important as any other that might call for the close attention of those who had the personal safety of others in view. Mr. Long and Mr. Helwig explained in detail the respective duties of the members of the new committee.

Th members of the committee are: John Sheppard, Hugo Rodde, Leland Wheeler, Charles Geer, John Sims and Earl Christiana.

"Never Stop" Railway.

Here it is! Let the grouch who has ever berated the railways because he could not have a train at his beck and call, choose his words henceforth. A "never stop" railway is nearing completion at Southend-on-Sea, England, which, it is claimed, has remarkable possibilities for relieving passenger traffic congestion in large cities.

The system consists essentially of the use of cars of a simple type driven independently by a screw of varying pitch which is kept in constant motion. The pitch of the screw controls the speed of the cars. Within station limits this is restricted to 1½ to 2 miles an hour, enabling passengers to step on or off as they may desire, while between stations it rises to twenty-four miles per hour.

Sufficient cars are used so that there is always one at a station platform with another following closely behind. Outside the station, the increased speed separates them temporarily, but they are again brought close together at the next station. The cars are roofed in but are open at one side, each carrying eight people seated and four standing. They run with rubber shod wheels on broad rails.

The great loss of time incident to stopping and starting is avoided by this unique system. The capacities claimed for the system are extraordinary, it being claimed that 1,500 passengers per hour can be handled in either direction of traffic.

Forest Fires of the Year.

Of 256 forest fires reported during the past year in the fire towns in the Adirondacks and Catskills, 172 were caused by smokers, 82 by fishermen, 70 by campers and 29 by hunters. Locomotives, berry pickers, lightning, burning buildings, burning rubbish, burning brush, children, lumberjacks, burning automobiles, saw mill, fireworks, steam roller, boiling sap and incendiaries were responsible for the remaining 203 fires. An examination of these figures shows clearly the need of greater care with fire in the woods on the part of campers, hunters, fishermen, and smokers.

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RADIO OUTFIT FOR SHUT-IN

Mrs. Harriet Matteson of Laurens Delighted With Christmas Gift

Mrs. Harriet M. Matteson of Laurens, who for some time has been "shut in" ill at her home in that village, was the recipient of a radio outfit at Christmas time from friends in Mt. Vision and South Hartwick. In appreciation of the kindly way in which she was remembered, Mrs. Matteson, who has fine poetic gifts, wrote the following:

God doesn't forget His children,
He remembers in wondrous ways.
He proves the truth of the premise—
"Sufficient unto Thy days."
He doesn't forget the shut-ins.
He rememberers both great and small.
He comforts the broken-hearted:
And he notes the sparrow's fall.
He doesn't forget His children
For he works through the hearts of men,
Not only when it is Christmas—
It happens again and again.
To some He entrusts the giving,
While many must only receive;
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But both help life's fabrics to weave.
Not being one who is lowly,
Nor yet, being one who is high,
Brings more, or less of happiness
As the days and years go by.
'Tis having the Christ-like spirit,
In accepting what life may bring,
Just as we accept at Christmas
The gifts, and the songs folks sing.

The ever-increasing sales of Juniata Brand margarine are the result of cause and effect. The pleased customer naturally continues buying what is good; and she generally tells her neighbor. advt 6t

A COMPLETE CLEARANCE of WOMEN'S COATS DRESSES SUITS

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8 a. m. 22
2 p. m. 25
8 p. m. 25
Maximum 30 Minimum 22

LOCAL MENTION

—The program of music rendered at St. James' church on Christmas day will be repeated at the 10:30 o'clock service tomorrow.

—Mrs. Charles Dills of 244 Chestnut street was taken yesterday morning in the ambulance to the Fox Memorial hospital, where she will undergo treatment.

—Arrangements for the funeral of the late Frank H. Roundy of Cooperstown Junction are delayed pending the arrival of his brother, Paul V. Roundy of Washington, D. C.

—Another dance of the series being conducted by the paid firemen of the city department was held last evening in the Municipal hall with a very good attendance. Lynn Smith and his orchestra furnished the music.

—Quite a number of hunting licenses have already been issued from the office of the city clerk and all those who plan to hunt on the first of the year are urged to secured their licenses before Tuesday which is a legal holiday.

—The committee having in charge the Novelty dance to be given in the armory by Company G on New Year's eve announce that several additional novelty features have been secured and that an evening of pleasant entertainment is assured to all.

—The Christmas dance of the Oneonta club was held last evening with a large and jolly company in attendance. The music was furnished by the Syncopators and the catering was done by Kilkenny. Both names are true when they imply that both were excellent.

—At a meeting of the local board of the State Normal school, held at the Wilber National bank yesterday afternoon, O. B. Rowe was designated as acting secretary and treasurer during the absence of Walter S. Whipple, who leaves about the middle of January for an extended pleasure trip.

—Harold Sheldon of 17 Broad street and Isaac Quackenbush of 8 Seventh street were enlisted yesterday for the United States army by Recruiting Sergeant Harry Diener. Sheldon chose the cavalry and will sail January 5 from the army base at Brooklyn for Monterey, Cal., where he will be stationed. Quackenbush enlisted in the air service and will be sent later to the air service school at Mitchel field, L. I.

—Reservations for the New Year's eve party at the Elks' home are coming in fast, indicating that the "Bills" are heartily in favor of the project. The committee in charge is working hard and promises that there will be something doing every minute. The a la carte dinner will begin at 9 o'clock. An orchestra will furnish music during the dinner and for dancing which will probably start at 10 o'clock. Special stunts will help make the evening a most enjoyable one.

Gardner's Grocery.

New figs, 25c lb.; fresh spinach, 15c lb.; print butter, 60c lb; 5-lb. pail honey, 80c; Pillsbury's pancake flour, large, 40c; strictly fresh eggs, 65c dozen; Tip-Top popcorn, 10c pkg.; 5-lb. pure graham flour, 25c; Hubbard squash, celery, Boston head lettuce, Iceberg lettuce, oysters, clams. advt 1t

Attention, G. A. R.

The members of Farmer post, G. A. R., are requested to meet at the post rooms at 12 o'clock Sunday for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late comrade, Alner Munson, at 296 Main street, at 1 p. m. W. H. Brown, commander. advt 1t

When your loved ones or friends are ill at home or in the hospital, what will bring them greater cheer and make long hours seem shorter—and certainly happier — better than flowers? We deliver promptly to any part of the city. Derrick, Theatre building. advt 1t

Attention, F. & A. M.

Special communication of Oneonta lodge, F. & A. M., in Masonic hall, at 12:30 sharp for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Alner Munson. Any brothers having cars kindly notify B. H. Chesbro, master. advt 1t

Diamond Ring Lost.

Lost—A diamond ring in Mulford & Siver's hall, Unadilla, on the evening of December 27th. Finder please return to owner, Ruth Youmans, Unadilla, and receive liberal reward. advt 2t.

Big Dance at Jay's Hall.

Come and dance at Jay's hall, Davenport Center, Wednesday, January 2. Dancing from 9 to 1. Pease's Delhi orchestra. J. W. Pomeroy, mgr. advt 4t

Don't blame your child for being stupid, lazy or unwilling when it is not his fault. Watch the child's eyes that they may not become defective. Franklin J. Ives, optometrist, 177 Main street. advt 2t

Crouch, Wilson & Co. have on display Saturday and Monday one of the best lines of 1924 art calendars and would be pleased to have those interested call and inspect this line. advt 1t

Lettuce, celery, ripe tomatoes, spinach, Blue Point oysters, green peppers, cranberries, oranges, bananas, grape fruit and nuts of all kinds at Palmer's grocery. advt 1t.

Hospitality is always assured if a case of Klipnockie Birch soft drinks is kept in the home. Order a case from your grocer or phone 999 Oneonta Bottling Works. advt 2t

One dollar reward for the return of black and white kitten lost Thursday afternoon to Betty Jeanne VanBuren 28 Cliff street, telephone 361-J. advt 1t.

It pays to buy pure candy. Have you tried our [illegible] drops? Cordem, at the Oneonta Department store. advt 1t.

Have your own [illegible] [illegible] and your clocks fixed correctly [illegible] [illegible]. advt 2t

Five Year Clause in Wilber Will Held Invalid By Surrogate Close

Legacies Should Become Payable at Once, Judge Close Holds in Decree in Action for Construction of Will of George I. Wilber —Declares 64th Clause Illegal

Holding that the 64th clause of the will of the late George I. Wilber, which directs that the legacies shall not be assignable and further that all legacies, except those otherwise specifically specified, shall become payable five years from the date of his death, is invalid inasmuch as it violates the law for perpetuities and provides a means of tying up the estate, income as well as principal, in a manner which is illegal, Surrogate Sheldon H. Close has eliminated the clause from the will and directed the administration of the estate as though the clause had never been conceived. His decree, which virtually ends, so far as local courts are concerned the action for the construction of the will which has been in progress for many months and has aroused the interest of many, was issued yesterday.

In his decree Judge Close states that is has been his duty to seek out the intent of Mr. Wilber and to determine whether the testamentary scheme violates the law. He gives it as his opinion that Mr. Wilber's intention was to dam up the estate, both corpus and income, for a period of five years in order to strengthen the position of the Wilber National bank, the executor and trustee. This provision is illegal, Judge Close holds. He further holds that this suspension of payment would materially reduce a substantial portion of Mr. Wilber's gifts, and, to the extent of such reduction, nullify his wishes as expressed in his will.

The two sections of the 64th clause, the one relating to the assignability of legacies and the other to the suspension of payment, must stand or fall together if the intent of Mr. Wilber is to be carried out, the decree holds. Judge Close contends that it is possible legally to excise from a will an illegal provision and have the rest of the will hold and that is precisely what he has directed. He holds that the 64th clause, being a plan in and by itself, can be separated from the remaining provisions without doing violence to the principal objectives of the testator.

General and Specific Legacies.

Judge Close renders no decision as to which of the gifts are general and which are specific legacies, leaving the way open for the submission of further evidence in this matter, which is relatively unimportant if the 64th clause does not hold. If the gifts in question, mostly bank stock, are specific, gifts income from them would be payable from the time of the death of Mr. Wilber; if general, the income is payable from the time of the distribution of the legacies.

Judge Close makes reference in his verdict to the supplemental petition asking that Myra Wilber be cited to show a clause why the judgment referred to in the 60th clause should not be ratified and cancelled. This refers to the effort being made by Edith Wilber Mix to have her mother Mrs. Myra Wilber, accept the money which the will directs shall be given to her before Edith Wilber Mix shall receive her substantial legacy. Judge Close feels that inasmuch as no briefs have been filed concerning the issues involved he should not attempt to pass upon the merits of the questions raised.

The question as to whether any of the legatees have forfeited their legacies by virtue of the 65th clause is reserved for further consideration during the progress of the accounting.

When questioned last evening as to whether the executor and trustee would appeal the decision to a higher court, Alva Seybolt, attorney for the executor and trustee, stated that he had as yet given the document but hasty perusal and that a careful study of its contentions and decisions would be necessary before the future action of his client could be determined.

Attorneys who have examined the decision regard it as carefully and clearly phrased, involving a thorough weighing of the evidence, considerable delving into cases and a clear and concise method of expression. It is felt by at least some of the attorneys that the decision involves sound legal principles and would most probably be upheld by a higher court if appealed.

Such portions of the decree as it is felt would be of general interest follow:

Will of Testator Governs.

* * * In construing wills, it is a well established rule that the intent of the estator must govern:

In Tilden V. Green, Supra., the court said:

"At the threshold of every suit for the construction of a will lies the rule that the court must give such construction to its provisions as will effectuate the general intent of the testator as expressed in the whole instrument."

It is, therefore, our duty to search out and ascertain if possible the testamentary intent, and when this is accomplished apply the law and determine whether the testamentary scheme violates the law, and, if it does not, carry it into effect; but if it is contrary to law then we should eliminate the unlawful parts and give effect to the provisions that are lawful, if by so doing the general testamentary scheme can be preserved, rather than demolish the whole structure, resulting in intestacy. (Cases cited).

In Harrison vs. Harrison, supra., the rule is stated thus:

"The principle is now well settled that the courts lean in favor of the preservation of all such valid parts of a will as can be separated from those that are invalid, without defeating the general intent of the testator."

What was the intent of the testator when he made his will? What did he have in mind, and what did he endeavor to accomplish? When the decedent finished the sixty-second clause (residuary), he had made a complete disposition of his entire estate, named the beneficiaries, and specified how much each was to receive. He seemed to experience no difficulty in saying who were the objects of his bounty and how he wished his estate divided. In many instances he gave the reason for certain bequests.

It is urged that the testator, by the 64th paragraph, cut down most of the gifts, including trusts, in the first sixty-one provisions, created an estate for years (five years); and increased the residuary estate disposed of in the sixty-second paragraph, resulting in the income from such bequests going to the residue for the period of five years following the death of the testator, thereby reducing such bequests and adding the amount thus subtracted to the residuary estate. In support of this contention, no effort is made to sustain the first clause of this paragraph, but it is claimed that the last clause is valid if considered independently and that the clauses are separable; that it is by virtue of the last part of the paragraph that the gifts are curtailed.

In Remsen on the Preparation and Contest of Wills, the author says at page 157, section 9:

"The gift of an estate for years is usually the gift of a use limited by a fixed term. No particular form of words is necessary to create this

(Concluded on page eight.)

STATE CONSERVATIONISTS

Annual Convention Begins This Morning—Prominent Speakers at Banquet This Evening.

The annual convention of the State Conservation association, now being held in this city, began last evening when officers and delegates from various parts of the state gathered at the Windsor hotel for a preliminary caucus respecting the business of the convention, which will formally open at 10 o'clock this morning in Municipal hall. The principal business before the convention will be the discussion of various legislative measures relating to conservation.

The banquet to be held at the Elks' home this evening is expected to be an affair of unusual interest. Hon. John D. Clarke, member of Congress from this district, will head a list of speakers including men prominent in conservation work in this and nearby states. Each man will have a real message for the members of the association and others in attendance.

An orchestra will furnish music during the banquet. An excellent meal is assured and this, in connection with the excellent list of speakers, is expected to insure a most successful affair. Oneonta conservationists have held many successful banquets in the past but the one of tonight is guaranteed to eclipse them all.

Tickets may be obtained at the present locations until noon. From 5 p. m. until the limited number is exhausted they may be secured at the Elks home. Because of the banquet no evening meal will be served at the club.

SALVATION ARMY XMAS TREE

One Hundred Fifty Children Entertained Thursday Evening.

One of the merriest Christmas parties to have been held in the city was that of the Salvation army tree for the members of its Sunday school, which was held in the army hall Thursday evening with about 150 children present.

The program as printed in The Star of Thursday was carried out in full and the pageant, "Bethlehem," proved one of the prettiest which has ever been undertaken by the organization.

Then of course there was the Christmas tree with gifts for all of the children, gifts which were rather more elaborate than usual. A manufacturer of toys and dolls in New York city donated a number of dolls and toys which were slightly imperfect, still no more damaged than they would be after any child had played with them for a short time, for the use of the Army, besides which there were articles of apparel and candy and fruit.

$2,000 is what you get by simply chucking away 25 cents daily and placing with me monthly, but it isn't all, for you help to furnish money with which to get homes and farms for little fellers, on easy terms and a low resultant interest rate, so that rent money will pay for them. If you all understood and would use it, there wouldn't be any need of poor houses or passing the hat. Yes, and there would be less whining and cussing. Put on your thinking cap and get in with my new big bunch of little fellers, that I am going to start to make good January 1, and I'll get so much pep into you that you'll be flabbergasted. Such a chance don't grow on every bush. Use the part of your body from the chin up and make good, as foresight beats hindsight to a frazzle. I'm the safe and sane Oneonta Building and Loan association. advt 1t

Another shipment of those beautiful imported German Roller canaries have arrived. They are wonderful. Derrick's Flower shop, Theatre building. advt 1t

CHILDREN OF ST. JAMES

Thoroughly Enjoy Christmas Exercises Held in Parish House.

Most delightful for the kiddies as well as for the older persons in attendance was the Christmas party given in St. James' parish house last evening for the children of the Sunday school.

At 5:30 o'clock a chicken dinner was served. At its conclusion attendance pins were awarded and a program of songs, recitations and a Christmas play was given. Following the play gifts were distributed by Santa Claus from a well filled tree.

The formal portion of the program over, games were enjoyed. It was the first time that the church has ever been able to hold its Christmas Sunday school exercises in a place of adequate size and convenience and the affair was probably more enjoyable than ever before.

Sunday Dinner $1.50 — Palm Room, Elk's Club—12:30 to 7:30 p. m.

Oyster soup
Consomme en Tasse
Celery Sweet pickles
Tangerines Cerise
Roast native chicken
Sage dressing, giblet gravy
Prime ribs of beef au jus
Roast leg spring lamb with mint sauce
Whip potatoes Escalloped corn
Buttered beets
Peach salad Lettuce salad
Russian dressing
Green apple pie Lemon pie
Ice cream
Vanilla Orange Pineapple
Chocolate layer cake
Cafe Noir advt 1t

Saturday Specials.

Best western shoulder roasts, 15c per pound.

Plate beef, 10c per pound.

Stew veal, 15c per pound.

Veal chops, 25c per pound.

Fresh ground hamburg, 20c per pound.

Phone 51. Canfield's market. advt 1t.

Saturday Specials.

Porterhouse, all cuts, 18 cents lb.

Stew beef, 12½ cents.

Hamburg, 15 cents.

Pork chops, 25 cents.

Pork loins, 19 cents.

Todd's Cash market. Phone 19. advt 1t

Candies pure honey and [illegible] [illegible]. Special for Saturday. Made from native herbs. At the Oneonta Department store. advt 1t.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT ST. MARY'S

Pleasing Program by the Little Folks With Distribution of Gifts.

The Christmas exercises of St. Mary's Sunday school were held last evening with about 300 happy children in attendance and nearly as many grown-ups whose enjoyment of the happiness that radiated from the faces of the juveniles was great.

The program of exercises as published in The Star of Thursday was rendered substantially as printed and all present enjoyed the numerous recitations and exercises with musical numbers interspersed with them. The little folks certainly did themselves and teachers credit. The prize for the best speaking was awarded to Walter Drew of Oneida street, who recited "The Night Before Christmas" exceedingly well. The two-act cantata, "Any Child Prepares for Christmas," concluded the program.

Later there was a distribution of candy, fruit, nuts and toys to all the children from the prettily decorated tree and the little folks were sent home happy.

New Year's Dinner, Hotel Oneonta, from 12 to 3 p. m., $1.00.

Oyster cocktail
Tomato bisque Consomme julienne
Hearts of celery Queen olives
Filet mignon
Peach a la conde
Roast prime ribs of beef, au jus
Native roast turkey, dressing
Cranberry sauce Brown gravy
Mashed potatoes Boiled sweets
Creamed onions Green peas
Crab meat salad
Apple, mince, pumpkin pie
English plum pudding hard sauce
Ice cream 1924 Assorted cake
Tea Coffee Milk Buttermilk
Please phone reservations early
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Ham to fry, 30 cents per lb.
Pork loin, 19 cents per lb.
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Butter, 58 cents per lb.
Onions, cooking, 5 lbs. for 25 cents.
Bulk oat flakes, 5 cents per lb.
3 glasses of jelly, 25 cents.
3 lbs. of rice, 25 cents.
3 cans tomato soup, 25 cents.
Carrots, 3 cents per lb.
Cabbage, 3 cents per lb.
Pink salmon, 17 cents per can.
Evaporated peaches, 15 cents per lb.
Potatoes, 30 cents per peck.
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At Home



Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor Party, is shown here with his daughters, Sheila, Joan and Ishbel. Doesn't look as "fierce" as when he is fighting on the floor of the House.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN

Mrs. Michael Duddy of 12 Center Street Suffers Shock Early Friday—Funeral Services Monday Morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth Daley Duddy, beloved wife of Michael Duddy of 12 Center street, died at the family home early Friday morning shortly following a shock which she suffered at about 1:15 o'clock. Mrs. Duddy had been a patient and uncomplaining sufferer for about eight years and the sympathy of a host of friends will be extended to her family to whom she was peculiarly devoted, and whose devotion nearly matched hers.

Funeral services will be held from the home on Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock and from St. Mary's Roman Catholic church at 9:30 o'clock. Father F. D. Whalen, of Albany, a nephew of the deceased, will sing the requiem high mass at the church assisted by the resident pastors, Father William Noonan and Father John Murphy.

Elizabeth Daley Duddy was born at Milford, August 2, 1862, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daley, for many years respected residents of that village. Thirty-eight years ago she was united in marriage with Michael Duddy, also a native of Milford and at that time a machinist in the local D. & H. shops, and all of her life since that time had been spent in Oneonta.

Mrs. Duddy was a faithful member of St. Mary's church of this city and active in that church as long as she was physically able, and even after that time her interest in the welfare of the parish proved most gratifying. She was also a member of the Rosary Society of the church.

Devoted to her home and family in whose welfare and comfort she found her greatest joy. Her devotion to them, even when not fully physically capable of doing all that she would like to undertake, was remarkable, and in turn the faithfulness which she received from her household proved a true consolation in her declining health.

Besides her husband Mrs. Duddy is survived by two sons, Jerry Duddy, a valued employe in the office of the division superintendent of the D. & H. in this city, and William Duddy of Schenectady, two brothers, William Daley, Master Mechanic of the O. & W. railroad in Norwich, and Richard Daley of this city, and many nieces and nephews in Oneonta and Milford.

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VETERAN OF REBELLION

Ainer Munson, Native of North Franklin, Dies Friday at Home of Daughter in Oneonta

Ainer Munson, a veteran of the Civil war and for several years a resident of Oneonta, his home being with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilmore Russell of 396 Main street, died at 11 o'clock Friday morning after about nine weeks' illness, which for the past two weeks had been critical. The cause of death was Bright's disease.

The funeral services will be held at one o'clock tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at the Russell residence, Rev. J. A. Judge, pastor of the Chapin Memorial church, will officiate, the services being followed by the Masonic ritual, after which the body will be taken to Franklin for interment in the Outcout Valley cemetery beside his wife in the family plot. The deceased was born December 21, 1843, on the homestead at North Franklin, and was a son of John H. and Julia (Hodge) Munson. Both were of sturdy pioneer stock, the grandfather of Mr. Munson coming with the earlier settlers of the township from Connecticut. Ainer Munson was married in 1865 to Miss Adelaide Ward of Davenport, and save for a brief interval they resided in the town of Franklin until the death of Mrs. Munson, about eight and a half years ago. He then came to Oneonta, making his home thereafter with the daughter above named.

Mr. Munson, as above noted, was a soldier of the Civil War, serving with the 144th New York Volunteers and with Company A of the 13th New York Heavy artillery. He was by where he so long resided was widely known and highly respected. For twelve years he was a justice of the peace of his township, an honor which he relinquished on coming to Oneonta. He was a member of E. D. Farmer Post, G. A. R., and so long as his health permitted he was a frequent visitor at the rooms of the post of which he was long the adjutant, where with other of the soldiers of the great conflict he delighted in renewing the memories of the times that tried men's souls. He was a member also of the Franklin Masonic lodge, joining in Oneonta 57 years ago, and afterwards demitting to Franklin. He was a man of sterling uprightness of character, a good friend and neighbor, husband and father, and by all was respected and beloved. His death by all who knew him will be deeply regretted.

The surviving members of his family are three daughters, Mrs. J. M. Hotaling and Mrs. A. G. Russell of Oneonta and Mrs. William Miller of North Franklin; two sons, Walter Munson of Glen Aubrey and John H. Munson of North Franklin, also by 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, by two sisters, Mrs. Evaline Walker of Downsville and Mrs. Josephine Bowen of this city, and by one brother, Dr. John A. Manson of Walsingham, this state.

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SOMETHING THAT'S A NOVELTY

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cornell of Milford were in Oneonta Friday on business.

Rev. J. C. Johnson of East Worcester was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Charles W. Noxon of 47 Maple street is in New York city this week, on business.

Kenneth Yager of 340 Main street left yesterday for a two days' business trip to Albany.

Melville Johnson of Syracuse arrived in the city last evening and is a guest at the residence of Mrs. Wilder, Elm street.

Mrs. Harold Barnes and son, Stewart, who had been spending the holidays with Oneonta relatives, returned home Friday.

Dr. H. D. Champlin of the state health department, is at his residence on Ford avenue to be with his family until after New Year's.

Miss M. A. V. Paul of Syracuse, who for some time had been in Oneonta, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Maples, returned home Friday.

E. Fagcher, a student of Syracuse university, who had been spending a few days with Oneonta friends, returned to the former city yesterday.

Joseph Davis and daughter, Ruth, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., have been spending the Xmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis, of 5 Franklin street.

Dr. A. J. Bugbee of the State Normal school returned last evening from Syracuse, where he had been in attendance at a conference of school principals.

Misses June Smith of Albany, Eleanor Ceas and Lillian Scott of Bloomville, and Leona Winchell of East Worcester were recent guests of Miss Ena E. Smith.

Mrs. Milo Goodenough and Miss Etta May Goodenough of this city are spending a few days in Cooperstown, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawyer Converse.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harrison of Binghamton, who for a few days had been visiting the former's sister, Miss Maude Harrison of Laurens, were in Oneonta yesterday, on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. V. Merchant and daughters, Virginia and Ellen, of 72 Maple street, leave this morning for Schenectady, where they will visit Mr. Merchant's brother, Evans D. Merchant, the coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lauren and daughter, Miss Josephine Lauren, left yesterday for a few days' sojourn in Boston, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Lauren return in a few days, but Miss Lauren goes to Mt. Vernon to resume her duties as instructor in the public schools.

Mrs. Arthur E. Ford leaves today for Long Beach, California, having received intelligence that her mother, Mrs. Reuben Reynolds, formerly of this city, is quite ill at the family residence there. Originally planned to leave Oneonta January 7th, word that Mrs. Reynolds was failing hastens her departure, although latest intelligence received after Pullman reservations had been secured, is of a more encouraging character, Mrs. Ford leaves today. Mr. Ford expects to follow her after a few weeks for a stay on the coast, returning with her. Many friends of Mrs. Reynolds will hope for her prompt recovery.

WESTFORD BUILDING BURNS

Frame Business Block Occupied by Leon Roberts' Grocery and George Roberts' Market and Pool Room Destroyed With Contents.

Westford, Dec. 28. — The one-story frame building occupied by the grocery of Leon Roberts and the meat market and pool room of George Roberts, with contents, was destroyed by fire late this (Friday) evening. The cause of the fire is unknown at this writing. A small insurance was carried jointly by the two men but it will only partially cover their loss.

The fire was discovered at about 10 o'clock by Maggie and Edwin Lyons who were passing. The entire floor under the stores was ablaze at the time. The alarm was quickly given and the Methodist church bell was rung, attracting many to the scene and by dint of hearty effort on the part of all the adjoining house which George Roberts expected soon to occupy was saved as were also two barns which stood near. With only a 12-foot driveway between the store and the house named it was by great effort that the latter was saved. There was a small blizzard prevailing when the fire broke out, but it subsided after a time and the fact that the wind died down doubtless aided in controlling the fire.

Leon Roberts had only recently purchased the business of Martin Pickard and the stock in the grocery was reduced materially, it being estimated at about $1,500. The stock of meats was not large but the market fixtures were all destroyed. The amount of the insurance could not [illegible] blow to both of the men and they have the sympathy of the community.

The building destroyed was erected by Kinch & Boyce some 20 years ago and occupied by them for a considerable period.

Clearance Sale.

Fashion shop—Ladies' coats at $16.75 and $19.75, formerly $25 and $35. Ladies' wool skirts at $2.98, formerly $5 and $8. Ladies' suits and wool dresses less than cost; also children's wool dresses and coats. 198 Main street, up stairs. advt 2t

All Sportsmen, Attention!

Conservation banquet December 29, 1923. Tickets for the conservation banquet may be procured at VanWoert's sporting goods store, 171 Main street. All persons interested in conservation should attend. advt 2t

For Sale—Single and double houses in all parts of the city. Phone us your wants. Alfred Sutch real estate agency, 112 Main street. Phone 141-J. Advt. 6t.

You might pay less—and you could pay more. But in either case you would probably fail to get anything nearly so invariably delicious as Hygrade brand butterine. advt 6t

Ira S. Sweet, practical hosteopath, at the Windsor, Oneonta, January 7; National hotel, Norwich, January 2. advt 10t

Wm. G. Lull, Official Eye Examiner, for the entire D. & H. railroad. Office hours 9 to 5 daily. Phone 1017-R. advt 1m tf

10 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Miss Elizabeth Brownell Writes From Prague of Holidays in Slovak Capital

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brownell are in receipt of a letter from their daughter Miss Elizabeth Brownell, now an American student in the University of Prague, in the Czecho-Slovakian republic. A later letter from Miss Brownell tells to considerable extent and in rhyme some of her pleasant personal experiences in Prague and dropping into prose she concludes with the following:

I guess I will have to stop this method if I get the letter off in time for Christmas. Thursday was St. Nicholas day. The day before the street had been gorgeous with huge baskets of the tinseled switches for the devil, covered with all kinds and colors of paper streamers, flowers etc. But Thursday they had all disappeared. In the evening occurred the "Zabava" in the Demov Svaty Mikulas appeared with his companions and gave presents to the company. Even I was remembered with a black wood board key and a pair of "horky poryk" (candy weiners).

The great event of the evening was the "Velka Sal"; big hall where there was dancing. A real jazz band. All the noise except the saxaphone. I wish you could have seen the room full of people. Here a beautiful Tartar girl, dark hair arranged in the style of the '60s, dark red silk dress. Slim waist and long full skirt of that period also. Here a tall blond Czech boy with stiff high turn back collar and long tailed coat.—So dignified. Then a sleek little Serb with black shiny hair, black eyes and black mustache and a sweet smile. A very elaborate dancer, who counted "Jeden, dva, tri" as he taught me a fancy step.

Several times all stopped to see a couple do one of the fast and exciting Russian, Slovakian, or Czech dances.

Christmas is surely coming. Every square has its little grove of Christmas trees, green pines etc. The shops advertise "van ecni darky" Christmas presents, in their fascinating windows. The flower markets are lovely with greens; mistleto, etc.

And so dear people may this come to you in time to share Christmas day with you, to bring you my love and wishes for the merriest and happiest of holidays.

Births.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fisk, 13 Grove street, December 26, a daughter, who has been named Shirley Geraldine.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Gallagher of 19 Myrtle avenue, a daughter, December 27.

Beauty



Mlle. Germaine, famous French mannequin, shown above in a remarkable pictorial study, has risen to claim the title of the most beautiful mannequin in the French city.

IN CITY COURT

Thayer Assault Case Adjourned—Dunne Gets $10 Fine

When the action against Ruis Thayer of this city for assault in the third degree was called before Judge Huntington yesterday in city court the trial, which is to be by jury, was adjourned until January 4, when it will be heard by City Judge Elec. Lee D. VanWoert. Thayer was arrested some time ago by M. D. Bonhower of the Prospect garage, alleging that Thayer had struck him in the eye causing a painful injury.

Paul Dunne was arraigned in city court yesterday on a charge of public intoxication and he was fined $10 and given a suspended sentence of 60 days in the county jail. Dunne was arrested on December 6, and given at that time a fine of $10 and a suspended sentence of 60 days.

Just a few pairs of nickle-plated hockey skates left at prices from $1.10 to $1.65. Acorn Hardware store, 45 Main. Phone 33. advt 2t





WHILE THERE ISN'T MUCH DOING

Holidays over—you had a house full of company—went to many affairs and used your good things a lot. Now when there is a little lull in social activities don't you think it would be an excellent opportunity to have some of the much-used house draperies and much-worn clothing dry cleaned?

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Molasses Peppermints, lb.	12¢	Ribbon Candy, lb.	20¢
Peppermint Drops, lb.	12¢	Peanut Brittle, lb.	20¢
Mystic Chocolate Creams, lb.	20¢	Spanish Salted Peanuts, lb.	20¢
French Mixed Creams, lb.	20¢	"Congdon's" Candy, lb.	25¢

Some Saturday Specials

Boys' Cotton Slip-Over Sweaters with collars; in colors: Navy with orange collar, and brown with buff collar. Sat. each $1.59

Imperfect Saranac Buck Skin Mittens with elastic wrist; great value. Sat., pair 75c

Montana or Winnipeg Worsted Hose for men, in brown or green heather. Sat., pair .. 39c

Boys' Cotton Slip-Over Sweaters, without collar and sleeves; reg. 69c. Sat., each 49c

"Sweet - Orr" Work Shirts with two (2) separate collars, in colors: dark blue, medium blue and polka dot; reg. $2.25 and $2.50. Sat., each $1.95

Extra good Men's Mixed Wool Shirts with double elbow and lined chest; khaki color; for two (2) hours only, from 3 to 5 o'clock! reg. $2.98, each . $1.59

P. S.—Be sure and do not fail to look over our new Toilet Goods Counter at the right of the entrance. We specialize in the "Ben Van" Toilet line. Highest quality and prices right.

[illegible] Body [illegible] Exhumed



[illegible] in the Pere Lachaise cemetery, Paris, at exhumation of the body of Philippe Daudet, grandson of the great French poet and novelist, Alphonse Daudet, and son of Leon Daudet, statesman. Philippe was found dead recently and a verdict of suicide was returned, but his father, "convinced" that his boy had been murdered by anarchists, compelled authorities to exhume the body and hunt for proof of his suspicions. The case may develop into an international scandal. Inset shows Philippe.

To Dynamite Perch Which Kill Lake Trout

Okanogan, Wash.—Dynamite may be used to kill perch in Little Tiffany lake, near here, because of their ravages upon the small trout stock of the Tiffany lakes, according to Clay Fruit, chairman of the county game commission. Despite the expense of destroying the trout-killers because of the limited killing range of each charge of dynamite, this method is suggested as the most feasible under the conditions existing at the lakes.

Perch are alleged to have been unlawfully placed in the smaller Tiffany lake by men developing a mining property in the vicinity. As it is against the law for any individual to stock a game lake, Mr. Fruit says he proposes to get a warrant for the arrest of the parties responsible.

A Coming Humorist.

"Before pens were invented," wrote an English schoolboy, "the pinions of one goose were used to spread the opinions of another."—Boston Transcript.

Generally.

A man repeats the story of his "tight pinch" adventure more than once because he thinks folks have forgotten it—and generally they have.

Ten-Year-Old Girl Swims While Asleep

Laredo, Texas.—Much excitement was created in Laredo when the news spread that Dorothy Brennan, ten-year-old daughter of Hal L. Brennan, prominent business man, had mysteriously disappeared from her home.

Investigation proved that the girl, while asleep, arose from her bed, dressed, secured her bathing suit and little wagon, proceeded a distance of about 15 blocks to the Arroyo Chacon, donned her bathing suit and took a plunge in the creek. After bathing and dressing she partly regained consciousness and was in a dazed condition when found by her father and others. She was standing beneath the Chacon creek bridge.

She was not hurt or harmed and this was the first time the little lady had walked in her sleep.

Cling to Old Friends.

Up to middle age, a man indefatigably seeks new friends. After that he clings affectionately to those he has accumulated.

Home of Chestnut.

The home of the chestnut is in the Mediterranean region, where chestnut trees have been cultivated from early times.

[illegible] DEMAND FOR DINOSAUR EGGS

Fossils Found in Mongolia Placed in New York Museum; Monetary Value Unknown.

New York.—The dinosaur eggs at the American Museum of Natural History are being prepared for public exhibition. Most of the twenty-five eggs will remain at the museum, but some will go to scientific institutions in different parts of the world.

One will go to Peking, where the Chinese government, in co-operation with the American Museum of Natural History, is planning to found a Chinese national museum. The American institution has promised the Chinese government a duplicate set of the fossils taken from Mongolia by the Asiatic expedition. An egg may go to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. One will go to one of the British institutions. Others, according to Roy Chapman Andrews, leader of the Asiatic expedition, will go to France, Belgium and elsewhere.

These are the only dinosaur eggs ever found. Their discovery is as important to natural science as the find of the original manuscript of "Hamlet" would be to literary collectors. The demand for the eggs is enormous. Offers from private individuals are believed to be contained in 100 letters to Mr. Andrews. He has not had time to open them. He refused to set a monetary value on the eggs. Ten thousand dollars apiece was suggested as a reasonable figure, but the scientist shook his head.

Unable to Pawn Eggs.

"It is absolutely impossible to fix any money valuation on them," he said. It was learned that the eggs already had had one unsuccessful financial experience. The expedition had overdrawn its account with the American Banking company at Peking. The bank asked for more security.

"I'll let you have two dinosaur eggs," said the explorer.

"How old are they?" asked the banker.

"Ten million years," replied the explorer. The banker considered it, but declined to accept the aged collateral. This is said to have been the first time that an attempt was made to pawn prehistoric eggs.

Money was raised at Peking by selling the American automobiles, which had traveled 6,000 miles over camel trails and open country in an almost unknown region. All five automobiles—three motorcars and two one-ton motortrucks—had gone through two seasons of terrific usage in an almost unexplored region and had come out in such good condition that they were sold for half their original price.

The fact that Dr. Charles P. Berkey, [illegible] of [illegible] at Columbia university, was nearly torn to pieces by savage Mongolian dogs was told by Mr. Andrews, who gave many details of the expedition by permission of the Asia Magazine, which has contracted for his stories.

Dogs Eat All Dead Persons.

"The Mongolian dog is the most savage animal on earth," said Mr. Andrews, "and is the only beast that I know of, except the wild boar, that will attack human beings without being attacked first. They live largely on human flesh because of the gruesome burial practice of the Mongols. They believe that when a person dies or is about to die an evil spirit enters his body. They want to get it out of their yurts or felt-covered hut as fast as they can. They load it on an ox-cart and drive it at high speed over rough ground. At some point the body falls off. The driver must not look around to see where it falls. If so, he attracts the evil spirit to himself. The bodies exposed on the bare ground immediately are devoured by the great shaggy dogs which resemble the Tibetan mastiff. My wife and I saw a body thrown out once and it took the dogs just twelve minutes to spread it out over the desert.

"They are a menace to human life everywhere. Professor Berkey had a narrow escape from them. He was attacked by three dogs when he was approaching a hut. He shot one down within a few feet of him, then shot the second. The third one let him alone."

Drove Off Fourteen Dogs.

In 1919 when they were making a preliminary exploration in Mongolia, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews had a narrow escape. They were on the ground in sleeping bags. Mrs. Andrews suddenly awoke, screaming. A pack of 14 dogs was closing in on them, probably supposing they were bodies exposed by the Mongols. Mr. Andrews had two guns beside him, a high-power rifle and a .22-caliber weapon. Half asleep, he picked up the small gun, but by luck managed to kill the leader of the pack at the first shot. This diverted the line of dogs and they passed a few feet away from him. He wounded two more with the .22. The wounded dogs were instantly torn to pieces by the others.

On the following night, his nerves still a little taut, Mr. Andrews drew a bead and nearly shot a young Englishman who had alarmed the party by moving about in his sleeping bag. Three wild dogs at another time attacked the explorer and tried to drag him off his horse. One bit the leather of the stirrup, another bit the horse's tail and a third bit one of the horse's hind legs. Before the man could draw a revolver a kick from the horse had laid out one of the dogs and the other two stopped to eat it.

Tomorrow.

Tomorrow, didst thou say? . . . 'Tis fancy's child, and folly is its father; wrought on such stuff as dreams are; and baseless as the fantastic visions of the evening.—Cotton.

U. S. Birth Certificates Peddled to Immigrants

New York.—American birth certificates are peddled to immigrants at European ports with the same freedom that collar-buttons are sold on the streets of New York, according to the testimony of August V. Tuzzi, formerly president of the Italian Immigrant society and now in the foreign exchange business at 4 State street, before the joint legislative committee investigating the exploitation of immigrants.

Mr. Tuzzi said also that passports, never used from a United States port, were made out wholesale and mailed to Europe to help in evading immigration laws. These passports were the usual permits issued to aliens admitted to the United States to visit their European homes for a period of six months, he said. The immigrant would assume the name of the resident to whom the passport was made out and enter this country without difficulty, the witness said.

Other witnesses testified that railroad agencies here sold American money to the immigrants and collected a fee of from 20 to 40 per cent. These agents come to the steamship piers and sell railroad tickets to the immigrants to points in the interior where they desire to go, while at the same time changing the immigrant's money into American money, it was explained.

Pig Iron.

Pig iron is so called because the molten metal is run into a long mass with shorter pieces attached to it at right angles. The long pieces are called the sows and the shorter are called the pigs.

Silver in 269 B. C.

Silver was first coined in Rome in 269 B. C., when Fabius Pictor set up a mint.

Not a Bit.

A feeble idea in rhyme doesn't sound any more impressive than in prose.

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Lost Dixmude



All hope of safe landing by giant craft abandoned with the finding of the body of Lieutenant Grenfelon, commander of the ship, in Sicilian waters. An official announcement from Paris states that the dirigible has been lost at sea.

FIVE YEAR CLAUSE IN WILBER WILL HELD INVALID BY SURROGATE CLOSE

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estate, but the intention should clearly appear. It may be created by a devise to hold for a definite time after the testator's death.'

It is also claimed that the first clause of the sixty-fourth paragraph should be treated as an expression of postponing payment should be given effect; that there is no express direction for the accumulation of income, but as the income from the various legacies — especially those given in trust — is undisposed of during the five-year term, it must necessarily accumulate during said period; that such accumulation is void, and that the income passes to the residuary estate by virtue of the sixty-third paragraph instead of going to the next eventual estate under section 63 of the Real Property law.

Would Reduce Legacies

The application of the theories thus advanced, if having the effect claimed, would materially reduce a substantial portion of the testator's gifts, and, to the extent of such reduction, nullify his wishes as expressed in his will.

Whenever the testator intended any part of his estate should go to the residue he was careful to so state, such provision being made in many instances throughout the will. Had he intended to carve out an estate for five years from a large portion of the gifts in the first sixty-one clauses and add to the sixty-second, he would have so provided. Nowhere does he use the word "residue" or a synonymous term; he does not say the income during the five-year period shall go to the residue or that he has created an estate for years for the benefit of the residuary estate, or anything that indicates such an intent. He does, however, use language denoting the opposite. In the sixty-fourth clause he says that none of the legacies, either as to principal, or income, (underscoring is ours), shall be assignable. He did not say legacies of either principal or income, but said legencies either as to principal, or income. If he did not intend the beneficiaries should have any of the income, why the inhibition against assignment? Can it be that he intended to prohibit the assignment of something he had not given them, or intended they should have? In numerous clauses throughout the will he created trusts and provided that the income be paid to certain beneficiaries for life. He surely did not intend to give them this income for life and the next instant deprive them of it for five years and gave it to some one else.

A substantial part of the estate consists of income-bearing securities, out of which provision is made for a large number of general and specific legacies (particularly specific), as well as many trusts. I can find nothing in the will which indicates that testator contemplated giving the income therefrom to anyone other than the recipients of the primary gift.

In Tillman vs. Ogren, 227 N. Y., 495, the court of appeals held at page 505:

"Where there is an absolute gift of real or personal property, in order to qualify it or cut it down the latter part of the will should show equally clear intention to do so by use of words definite in their meaning and by expressions which must be regarded as imperative."

See also, Roseboom vs. Roseboom.

No words of gift, or expressive of gift, are used in the whole sixty-fourth paragraph, and none can be spelled out or inferred. There was no need for such language as he had divided and given away his estate in the first sixty-two clauses of his will.

No Intent to Diminish Bequests

Considering the whole will, it is apparent that the testator never intended to cut down a single bequest by the sixty-fourth paragraph, but inserted it for a different purpose. He was endeavoring to accomplish something else. We may term it a secondary plan as distinguished from the general testamentary scheme and main objectives outlined in the other provisions of the will.

As I read this paragraph, it in substance provides the bequests shall not be paid until the expiration of five years from the death of the testator, except where otherwise specifically provided, and that the same remain in the hands of the executor during this period, with no power or authority to pay any part thereof, and that there shall be no assignment as to either principal or income, thus preventing the beneficiaries from obtaining their money from the executor and from transferring it to others or realizing anything thereon in any manner whatsoever. His purpose was to hold the estate intact, prohibit its alienation, keep it in status quo for five years following his death, notwithstanding the fact that he had given it all away and fixed the size of each gift in preceding paragraphs.

His reasons for so doing are apparent. He had in mind the welfare of the executor-bank, and took into consideration the size and character of his estate and the difficulties which might be encountered in its settlement. He designated the Wilber National Bank as executor and testamentary trustee, giving it wide discretionary powers. He was one of the founders of this institution and at the time of his death was—and for years prior thereto had been—its President. He owned about three-fourths of the stock. In bequeathing this stock he gave to persons who, he said he considered had been loyal to him and the bank and whom he thought would take an interest in its welfare after his death. He called it "my pet". There is a possibility that it may receive the residuary estate after the termination of the trusts created by the sixty-second clause. One had but to read the parts of the will wherein he bequeathed this stock to become satisfied of his love for and devotion to this institution, indicating that its well-being was first and foremost in his mind. It would be of much advantage and a source of profit to it if the funds of this large estate were handled by it during a period of five years instead of the shorter time usually taken in settling estates. His large estate was invested in many and diverse ways. He undoubtedly realized that it might not be advisable — particularly from a financial standpoint — to settle his estate in the time usually given for such purpose. He wanted his executor to have ample time for its administration and be in a position where no one could cause it any embarrassment. He did not want it interfered with or fettered in any way.

Clause An Entirety

To accomplish these ends, he inserted the sixty-fourth paragraph, the whole of which is involved in this plan and must be read together. The two clauses are closely intertwined grammatically, bound together by the use of the word "further," are closely interwoven and inseparably connected, indicating he had one idea in mind. They serve a common purpose, have one objective, and must stand or fall together. One clause provides for a restraint on alienation, and the other for postponement or payment, the two being necessary and component parts of the plan to tie up the estate. You cannot reject one part and retain the other, for by so doing the whole scheme of the will would be affected, and disregard the first would—if this contention is followed as aforesaid—deprive nearly all of the beneficiaries of a substantial part of their gifts and swell the residue, in direct violation of the testator's intent as expressed throughout his will; it would divide the estate on a different basis than he expressly directed, and in a great measure constitute making a new will. Furthermore, if the clauses are thus severed, it would make it possible for the beneficiaries to transfer and dispose of their interests and thereby realize on their bequests before they became payable, a thing the testator was seeking to prevent.

Read in connection with the other provisions of the will, it is manifest that the testator, by the sixty-fourth paragraph, intended to and did tie up the estate—except in a few instances — both corpus and income, in the hands of the executor, postponed its distribution and rendered it inalienable for a fixed period of five years.

Provisions of Clause Illegal

Taking the will as a whole, it is clear that by this paragraph the power of alienation of real property and the absolute ownership of personal property is suspended. The term of suspension therein specified is not measured by lives in being at the death of the testator, as required by law, but is measured by a definite period of years which may be longer than two lives in being at the date of the death of the testator, and no outlet is provided for the income. Such a provision is illegal.

Mr. Wilber—not being a lawyer—undoubtedly was not familiar with the law in relation to perpetuities or accumulation of income. Had he been aware that he was violating the law he would unquestionably have omitted this paragraph from his will. He doubtless attached considerable importance to this provision. However, there can be no question but that it was of secondary consideration and that he intended in any event that his estate should be divided among the beneficiaries named in the other parts of his will, as therein devised and bequeathed.

While I have considered it necessary to hold the sixty-fourth clause invalid, as a matter of law, nevertheless effect can and should be given to the rest of the will. This particular paragraph—being a plan in and by itself—can be separated from the remaining provisions, doing no violence to the principal objectives of the testator, leaving undisturbed his general testamentary scheme, thereby carrying out the general intent of the testator and preserving the valid portions of the will.

In matter of Hitchcock, supra, 222 N. Y. 57, Justice Chase, writing for the Court of Appeals said:

"The principle is now well settled that the courts lean in favor of the preservation of such valid parts of a will as can be separated from those that are invalid without defeating the general intent of the testator.

Clause Can Be Excised

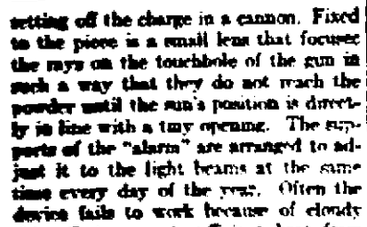
The sixty-fourth paragraph and the reasons for its existence are practically independent of the remainder of the will and the primary testamentary desires. It can be lifted from the instrument and the will given effect in its entirety, save only that the payment of the gifts is accelerated and the restraint on alienation removed. No one is injured. The beneficiaries will receive the whole of what the testator, by express language, had given them and intended them to have.

If the theory is adopted that the clauses are separable, the first clause ignored and the second upheld, and the effect thereof is as claimed by its advocates, nearly all the bequests would be materially lessened and the residuary estate increased at the expense of the other beneficiaries. The testator did not so intend. It would to a large extent nullify the true wishes of the deceased as expressed in his last will and testament, and would be an unnecessary and unwarranted upsetting of the testamentary scheme. Neither would it carry out the real purpose of the paragraph in question.

It follows that the estate should be administered as though the sixty-fourth paragraph did not exist and without reference to the provisions thereof.

Many other questions have been raised concerning the validity of the sixty-fourth paragraph, which I have not discussed, deeming it unnecessary in view of the foregoing determination.

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What the World Is Doing

AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

Sun's Rays Make Alarm Clock of Cannon

Sunlight is called upon to inform the residents of a community in southern Europe when high noon has arrived, by

setting off the charge in a cannon. Fixed to the piece is a small lens that focuses the rays on the touchhole of the gun in such a way that they do not reach the powder until the sun's position is directly in line with a tiny opening. The supports of the "alarm" are arranged to adjust it to the light beams at the same time every day of the year. Often the device fails to work because of cloudy skies that prevent sufficient heat from reaching it to ignite the explosive. The hours are indicated on a clocklike dial.

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Greyhound Is Speed Demon of Animal Kingdom

Through a series of recently completed tests, the speediest animals are reported to have been discovered as follows: the greyhound, race horse, pronghorned antelope, hare, Texas jackrabbit, common fox, coyote, fallow-red, and gray wolf. The records were made by noting the number of bounds made by each animal in a given elapsed time, by means of a stop watch, and then measuring the length of the leap. The greyhound, a wild quadruped, can travel a short distance at 64 miles an hour, about four miles faster than the hare. None of the animals tested, however, can keep up their speed for any considerable distance, although the fox and wolf can beat either the greyhound or race horse in that respect.

Bees, Color-Blind, Must Learn Way by Experience

Bees are color-blind and they learn their way about by experience rather than by instinct, according to tests recently conducted by scientists. The experts show that to these honey-making insects, red and black look alike, orange and yellow are the same as green, and there is no difference in the appearance of blue, violet, and purple. However, they can see ultra-violet rays, which are invisible to the human eye. It was found that the guiding influence which takes them back home is nothing more than experience. It has been long known that bees locate hives quicker the longer they have occupied them. During the experiments, some of them were put to sleep by ether, taken from a new hive, and moved 12 yards away. On the third day 20 per cent returned and 90 per cent had reached home on the eighth day.

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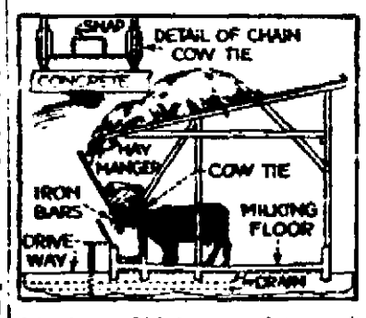
Auto Stored on Sliding Shelf to Save Space in Garage

Rolled from a driveway onto platforms that slide to their storage spaces on steel rails imbedded in the floor, automobiles can be parked in garages with great saving of room and little danger of damage from contact with posts, walls, or other cars, by the invention of a mid-western engineer. The system, it is said, permits a third more machines to be accommodated than by other methods. Any of the moving "shelves" can be pushed to the passageways for loading and returned to position in a few moments. Owing to the ease with which they can be moved, hand power alone is required. Attendants are also relieved of the trouble of manipulating the cars to guide them into stalls of crowded garages.

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A Novel Dairy Farm

Milking and feeding go together, and therefore provision should be made to milk and feed at the same time. A novel



dairy barn, which is arranged to permit this, is shown in the drawing.

The hay manger is located above the heads of the cows so that they have to reach up a trifle to pull the hay out; the bottom has a row of 1½-in. bars to allow this. A hay manger of this type has the advantage of containing enough hay to last the cows for a number of days. The trap door of the hay manger hangs outward on chains and can be pushed back into vertical position whenever necessary, as in cold or stormy weather.

The grain manger is of the ordinary type, except that it is much larger and also lower. Both mangers can be filled from the outside, from a wagon or truck, the surplus hay being temporarily stored on the roof, ready to be raked into the manger when needed.

Another interesting feature of this dairy barn is the chain cow tie, which is an improvement on the stanchions usually used, as the cows have greater freedom to move their heads around, the bars permitting the chain to be moved up and down, but preventing the cows from moving backward.

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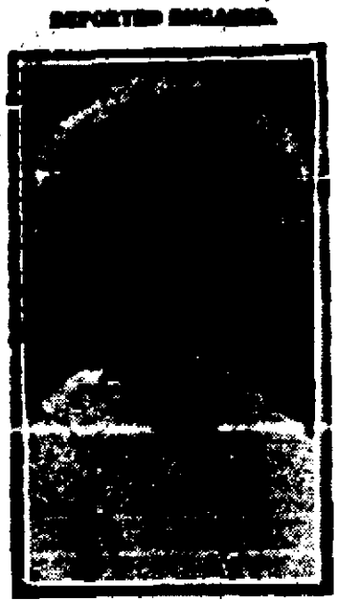


Photo shows Miss Pauline Garon, who twinkles in the screen firmament of Hollywood. Rumor says Miss Garon and Gene Sarazen, golfing expert, contemplate a matrimonial twosome in the near future.

A FEW SMILES

"Why do you think your little boy is likely to be one of our ambassadors some day, Mrs. Apthrop?"

"He seems to have a perfect genius for saying the wrong thing at the wrong time."—[New Orleans States.

"I am sorry to inform you that your son, James, has been playing truant," said the teacher to the boy's mother.

"I don't believe it," cried the indignant parent, "if he has, he didn't learn it at home. We never play cards."—[Toronto Telegram.

Infant Terrible — "A lady came while you were out and I entertained her."

Mother—"Good gracious!"

Infant Terrible—"Oh, don't worry, mom; I made believe I was well brought up."—[Boston Transcript.

"Does she play bridge well?" "Not very," answered Miss Cayenne; "but she criticizes a game beautifully."—[Washington Star.

Customer—"Hang it! You've nipped a piece off my ear!" Barber—"Sorry, sir; it's only a small piece; not enough to affect the 'earing, sir."—[The Passing Word.

Prospective Buyer—"You say your car is different from the rest of them? In what way?" Auto Salesman—"Well, there is no pig iron in the machine to speak."—[Kansas City Star.

"This suit is worn out," declared the indignant customer. "Well, you bought it to wear out, didn't you?" inquired the smart clothier.—[Cincinnati Enquirer.

TO SET ANDERSON TRIAL DATE

New York, Dec. 24. — A date for superintendent of the New York State Anti-Saloon league, accused of grand larceny, attempted extortion and forgery in the third degree, will be fixed January 7 by Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, it was announced Thursday by District Attorney Joab H. Banton. Chief Assistant District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora will prosecute, while ex-Governor Charles Whitman will defend Anderson.

JAPAN THANKS AMERICA.

(By the Associated Press)

Tokio, Dec. 25. — A handsomely bound volume containing the signatures of half a million persons, in rank from princes to beggars, expressing thanks for the assistance America gave Japan after her earthquake disaster, was presented to the American embassy yesterday.

Special Sale of Hats.

Trimmed hats at $1.95, $2.98 and $3.98, for the balance of the week, at Hubbard's, ladies' hatters, over Grand Union Tea store. advt 3t

Big Dance New Year's Eve.

Come and dance the old year out at Jay's hall, Davenport Center. Dancing from 9 to 1. advt 2t

Fresh and fragrant from the roaster, Klipnockie coffee stands supreme. Order a pound from your grocer today. advt 6t

Cheese, two pounds for 25 cents. We have just opened a new box of whole codfish also. Palmer's grocery. advt 2t

Ye Little Gray Hat Shoppe, 5 Chestnut street, offers all velvet and felt hats at one-half price. advt 3t.

To rent—Flat, six rooms and bath. All improvements. Call 501-W after 12:30 p. m. advt 5t

Condon's molasses pop surely is a treat. At the Oneonta Department store. advt 1t.

392 calls Cook's closed taxi, day or night, long or short trips. advt 10t.

Ward's whole wheat bread at Palmer's grocery. advt 2t.

Notice—Beginning January 1 my store will be closed at 5 p. m. except Saturday nights. Gardner's grocery. adv 2t.

Strictly fresh laid eggs, 50 cents a dozen. Caudell's store. advt 2t.

Big Special Dance—Jay's Hall. Come and dance New Year's eve, at Jay's hall, Davenport Center. Dec. 31. Round and square dancing from 9 to 1. Collier's orchestra. J. W. Conroy, manager. advt 4t

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Some people are geniuses. One occasionally finds a cook who can make perfect desserts without Baker's Certified Flavoring extracts. Sold by all good grocers. advt 6t

All persons having accounts at my store are requested to settle the same by January 1, 1925. If your bill has run over thirty days, this means you. L. Palmer, 125 Main street. advt 2t

You can't have a man for that! A pound of good stuff is hard to find, like him happy! Order a pound of Chase coffee today. advt 6t

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Burrill's Tooth Paste	10c
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Bell's Syrup for Coughs	60c
"Colgate's" Cold Cream—	
Jar	35c
Tubes	10c and 35c
"Creme" Oil Soap	10c
"Castile Soap" (Laco) 20c cake; 3 for	50c
"Cupid's Dream" Face Powder	50c
"Cupid's Dream" Toilet Water	$2.00
"Cupid's Dream" Cut Glass Purse Vial	75c
"Cupid's Dream" Dresser Vial	50c
"Cupid's Dream" Cold Cream	50c
"Cupid's Dream" Day Cream	50c
Colgate's Shaving Cream or Stick	10c and 35c
Colgate's Dental Cream	10c and 25c
Colgate's Dental Powder	20c
Colgate's Talcum	15c and 25c
Coleo Toilet Soap	5c
Colgate's Rapid Shave Powder	35c
Cream Elcaya	25c and 50c
Cuticura Soap	25c
Djer Kiss Sachet, bottle	$1.00
Djer Kiss Perfume at Regular Prices.	
Epsom's Salts	5c
"Fletcher's" Castoria	30c
Glycothymoline, per oz.	30c
Per bottle	25c, 75c and $1.60
Hill's Cascara Quinine	25c
Hudnut's Toilet Water	$1.00
"Jap Rose" Toilet Soap	10c
"Jap Rose" Talcum	10c
"Kolynos" Dental Cream	25c
Lane's Family Tea	25c
"Lydia Pinkham's" Compound	$1.10
"Mavis" Talcum	10c and 19c
"Molle" Shaving Cream	45c
"Mary Garden" Talcum	19c
"Mary Garden" Toilet Water	$1.39
"Palm Olive" Toilet Soap, cake	8c
"Palm Olive" Talcum	20c
"Palm Olive" Massage Cream	25c and 45c
"Palm Olive" Shampoo	50c
"Palm Olive" Shaving Cream	30c
"Pyrene" Safety Cleaner	25c and 50c
Peroxide, 8 oz. bottle	10c
"Pebeceo" Tooth Paste	45c
"Pepsodent" Tooth Paste	42c
"Packer's Tar Soap	25c
Mange Cure	65c
Mentholatum	23c, 45c and 89c
"Mennen's" Shaving Cream	45c
"Nujol"	50c and $1.00
"Rubifoam" Tooth Wash	25c
Sal Hepatica, small 25c; large	$1.00
Sloan's Liniment	29c and 59c
Vaseline	10c
"Woodbury's" Facial Soap, cake	23c
"William's" Shaving Soap, cake	5c
"Yankee" Shaving Soap, cake	10c
Lournay Lemon Cream	50c
La Caressa Astringent	35c and 50c
Listerine Tooth Paste	25c
Lifebuoy Health Soap	8c
Orange Blossom Perfume	50c, $1.00, $2.00
Orange Blossom Toilet Water	50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50
Orange Blossom Talcum	25c, 50c, 75c
Orange Blossom Sachet	25c, 75c
Orange Blossom Face Powder	75c
Orange Blossom Elbow Beautifier	50c
Orange Blossom Vanity Compacts	$1.00, $1.50, $2.00
Orange Blossom Necklace Dropper	$1.50
Petroleum Jelly	10c
Petrolatum	35c
Sayman's Wonder Soap	15c
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